The Bomb Holocaust: The Final Solution to the Palastinian Problem

A Summary of the Evidence of War Crimes, Crimes Against Humanity, and Genocide Committed by United States of America and State of Israel in the Gaza Strip

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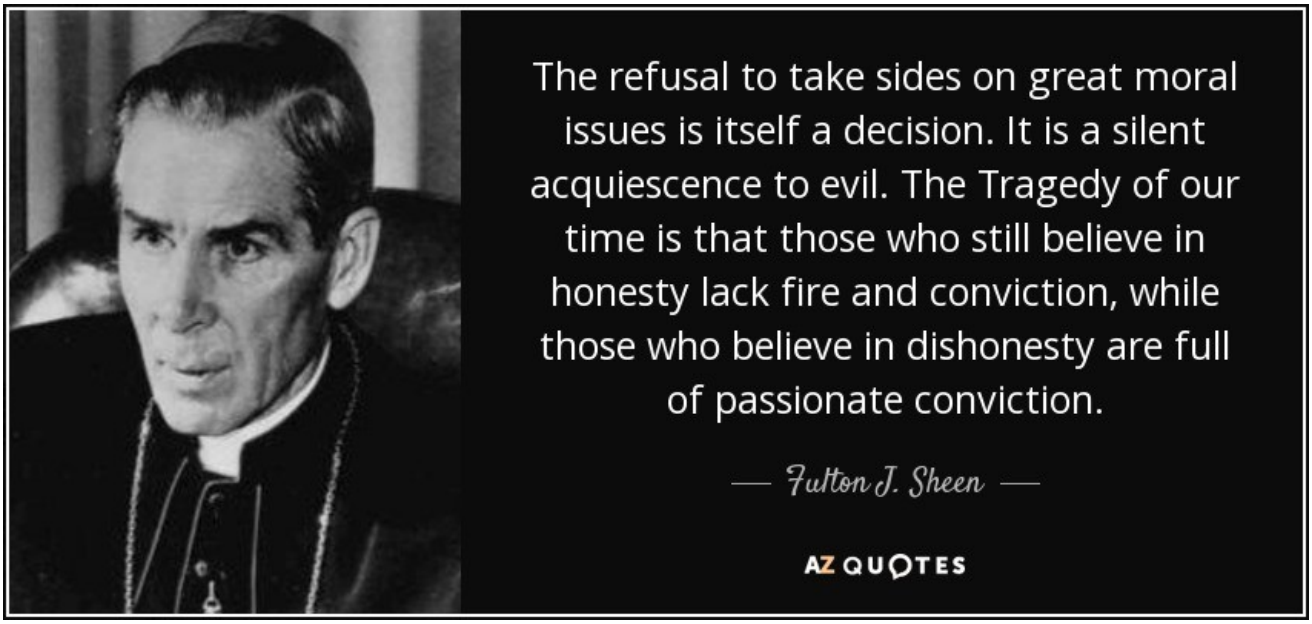

“Gaza was before the war the greatest open-air prison. Today it’s the greatest open-air graveyard...”

European Union Foreign Policy Chief Josep Borrell

“Since it imposed the siege on Gaza in 2007, which tightened the closure imposed since 1993, Israel, the occupying power, has carried out five major assaults before the present one.”

“Israel has argued that its conduct complies with international humanitarian law (“IHL”). A key finding of this report is that Israel has strategically invoked the IHL framework as “humanitarian camouflage” to legitimize its genocidal violence in Gaza.”

Anatomy of a Genocide

Report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967, Francesca Albanese*

“We are you, and you are us. We're together. So if there's one thing that stands out clearly in the Middle East today, it's that Israel and America stand together.”

-Benjamin Netanyahu to President Obama in the Oval Office

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US says Israel has not violated international law during Gaza war

After Israel killed seven aid workers in Gaza, the US says it has not found any incidents of Israel violating international humanitarian law in the past six months. An Al Jazeera probe concluded the World Central Kitchen vehicles were deliberately hit.

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US president meets hostages' families, says working to free them * Authorities: Hostages Tal Chaimi, Joshua Mollel are dead * Hamas's Haniyeh voices openness to talks on ending war

By MICHAEL BACHNER FOLLOW
and TOI STAFF
13 December 2023, 3:23 am

US National Security Council spokesman John Kirby speaks during the daily briefing at the White House in Washington, on November 30, 2023. (Andrew Caballero-Reynolds/AFP)

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The president stressed that the "defense of Israel is still crucial, so there's no red lines [where] I'm going to cut off all weapons" and he said, "I'm never going to leave Israel." Biden did not spell out what consequences, if any, the Israeli government would face if it crossed the red line and actually launched an assault on Rafah, and the president sapped his warning of any force it might have had by adding so many qualifications of what he would not do.

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Former US Vice President Donald Trump, Mike Pence, visited an Israeli military site near the border with Lebanon and wrote a message on a bomb as an expression of his country’s support for the occupation army.

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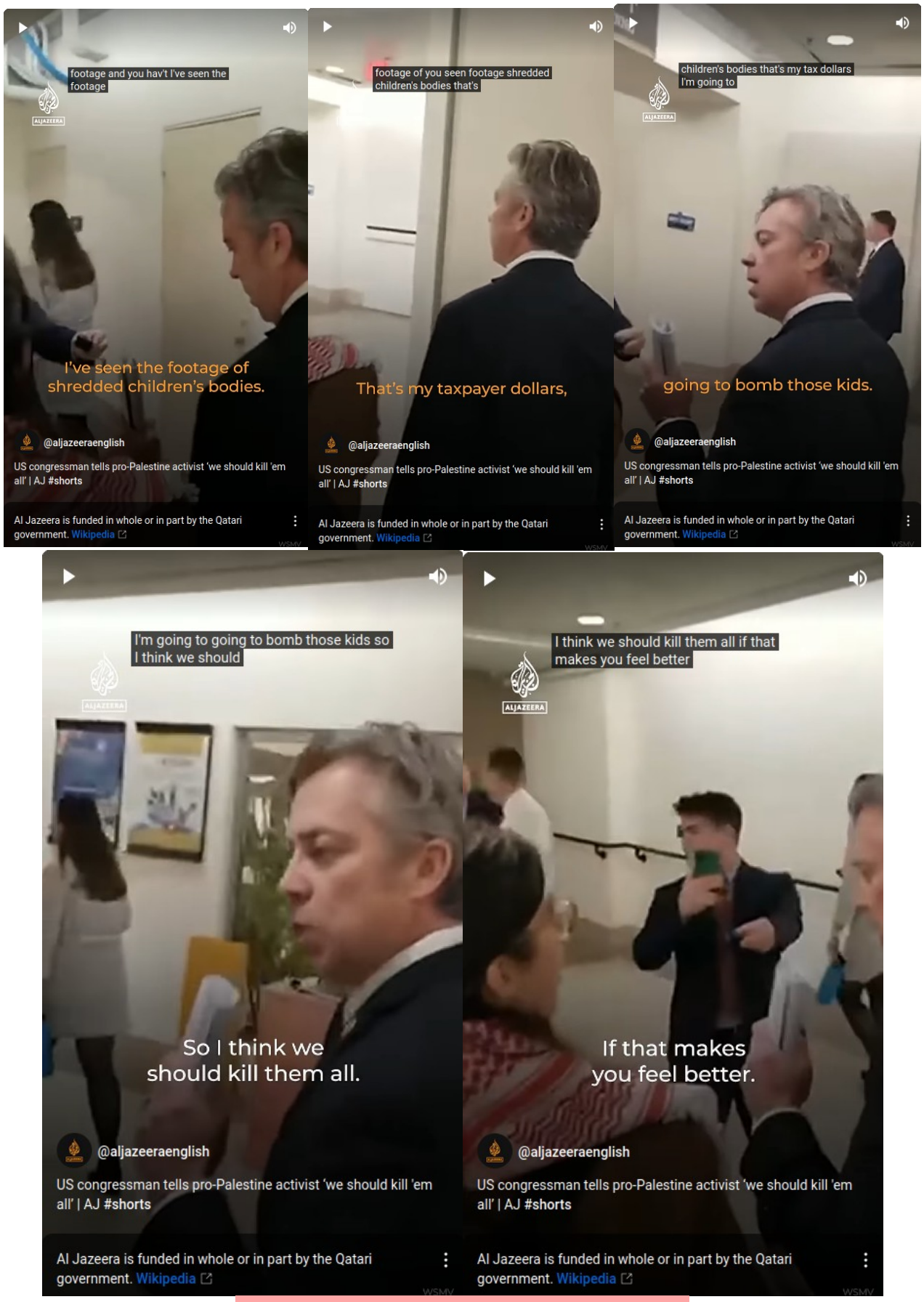

U.S. Congressman Andy Ogles

Historical Prescedent: Nazi Holocaust by Bullets

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The "Holocaust by Bullets" in Ukraine

The Holocaust in Ukraine represents the first phase of the Holocaust in which an estimated 1.5 million Jews were shot to death at close range in ravines, open fields, and forests.

Top Image: Museum display with bullets and human ashes from Bikernieki Forest Holocaust site and barbed wire from Salaspils Concentration Camp. Image by Adam Jones courtesy of the Museum of Latvia's Occupation.

On January 20, 1942, top Nazi officials and representatives of the Reich authorities met in Wannsee, a suburb outside of Berlin. At this meeting, chaired by Reinhard Heydrich, the Reich Security Main Office formed the extermination plans for the "Final Solution to the Jewish Question." The *Wannsee Conference*, as it is now called, led to the creation of a network of extermination camps designed to systematically murder the entire European Jewish population.

Before the killing centers opened at Birkenau, Treblinka, Sobibor, Belzec, and Majdanek, more than 1.5 million Jews had already been murdered by the Germans, their Axis allies, and local collaborators in Ukraine, Belarus, and other USSR republics. These were the first victims of the Holocaust.

They were not transported by trains to the famous killing sites in Poland, with their gas chambers and crematoria that typically characterize the Holocaust in the minds of most people. Instead, these Holocaust victims were taken from their homes, usually by foot, to the outskirts of the cities, towns, and villages where they lived and were brutally shot—face to face or in the back—often in the presence of local residents and non-Jewish neighbors.

The mass shooting of Jewish victims in the summer and fall of 1941 represents the first phase of the Holocaust, often referred to by historians as "the Holocaust by bullets." It was during this initial phase that special German killing squads (*Einsatzkommandos*) coordinated the mass murder of Jews by bullets with the help of the SS, *Wehrmacht* troops, the Romanian military, special "operational squadrons," order police units, and local collaborators.

https://www.nationalww2museum.org/war/articles/ukraine-holocaust

https://www.unomaha.edu/college-of-arts-and-sciences/fried-academy/news-events/holocaustbullets.php

The holocaust (credit: CBS)

https://www.cbsnews.com/colorado/news/holocaust-mass-graves/

German officials and Ukrainian militia shooting a Jewish family, Miropol, Ukraine, October 13, 1941. *Security Services Archive, Historical Collection of the State Security Service (StB) Prague, archival no. H-770-3*

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Historical Background: Nakbah of 1948

Jaffa, or Yafa as it is called by the Palestinians, is an ancient port city that has long been the gateway of the Mediterranean. Before the Nakba, Jaffa was the largest city in Palestine and was the centre of Palestinian culture and commercial activity. Jaffa is referred to by Palestinians as the "Bride of the Sea" given its distinct beauty as a coastal city on the Mediterranean Sea. (Library of Congress)

قلعة الحصن من الأسفل

Indur was a Palestinian village in the Nazareth district that was home to over 600 Palestine before 1948. The village has ancient roots in biblical times and its name likely derives from the Canaanite town of Ayn Dur, mentioned in the Bible as the site where Saul consulted a soothsayer before going into battle against the Philistines. Indur was home to Shaykh Tawfiq Ibrahim, one of the leaders of the Palestinian revolt between 1936 and 1939. (Library of Congress)

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Nakba

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The **Nakba** (Arabic: النكبة *an-Nakbah*, lit. 'The Catastrophe') was the ethnic cleansing[1] of Palestinians in Mandatory Palestine during the 1948 Palestine war through their violent displacement and dispossession of land, property and belongings, along with the destruction of their society, culture, identity, political rights, and national aspirations.[2] The term is also used to described the ongoing persecution and displacement of Palestinians by Israel.[3] As a whole, it covers the shattering of Palestinian society and the long-running rejection of the right of return for Palestinian refugees and their descendants.[4][5][6][7]

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During the foundational events of the Nakba in 1948, dozens of massacres targeting Arabs were conducted and over 500 Arab-majority towns and villages were depopulated,[8] with many of these being either completely destroyed or repopulated by Jews and given new Hebrew names. Approximately half of Palestine's predominantly Arab population, or around 750,000 people,[9] were expelled from their homes or made to flee, at first by Zionist paramilitaries through various violent means, and after the establishment of the State of Israel, by the Israel Defense Forces. By the end of the war, 78% of the total land area of the former Mandatory Palestine was controlled by Israel.

The Palestinian national narrative views the Nakba as a collective trauma that defines their national identity and political aspirations, whereas the Israeli national narrative views the same events in terms of the war of independence that established their aspirations for statehood and sovereignty.[10][11][12] To this end, the Palestinians observe 15 May as Nakba Day, commemorating the war's events one day after Israel's Independence Day.[13][14] In 1967 following the Six-Day War, another series of Palestinian exodus occurred; this came to be known as the Naksa (lit. 'Setback'), and also has its own day, 5 June.

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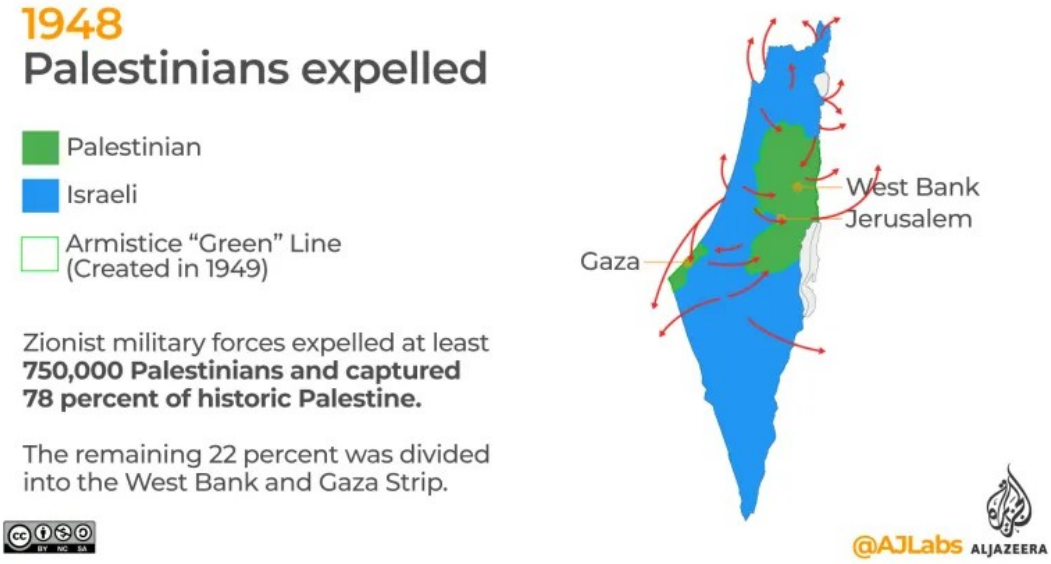

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— **Israeli Army reservist "motivational speech"**: On 11 October 2023, 95-year old Israeli army reservist Ezra Yachin — a veteran of the Deir Yassin massacre during the 1948 Nakba — reportedly called up for reserve duty to "boost morale" amongst Israeli troops ahead of the ground invasion, was broadcast on social media inciting other soldiers to genocide as follows, while being driven around in an Israeli army vehicle, dressed in Israeli army fatigues:

> "Be triumphant and finish them off and don't leave anyone behind. *Erase the memory of them. Erase them, their families, mothers and children. These animals can no longer live* . . . Every Jew with a weapon should go out and kill them. If you have an Arab neighbour, don't wait, go to his home and shoot him . . . We want to invade, not like before, we want to enter and *destroy what's in front of us, and destroy houses, then destroy the one after it.* With all of our forces, *complete destruction*, enter and destroy. As you can see, we will witness things we've never dreamed of. Let them drop bombs on them and erase them."[477]

International Court of Justice, South Africa v. Israel

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1948 Nakbah Veteran Ezra Yachin

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IN CONTEXT
HOT 8
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Zionist Soldier
The events in Tantura
were crazy and horrifying.
Its residents lived like Europeans,
you know?
Play
and the women of the village used to wear
nice clothes. For real, it was a village...
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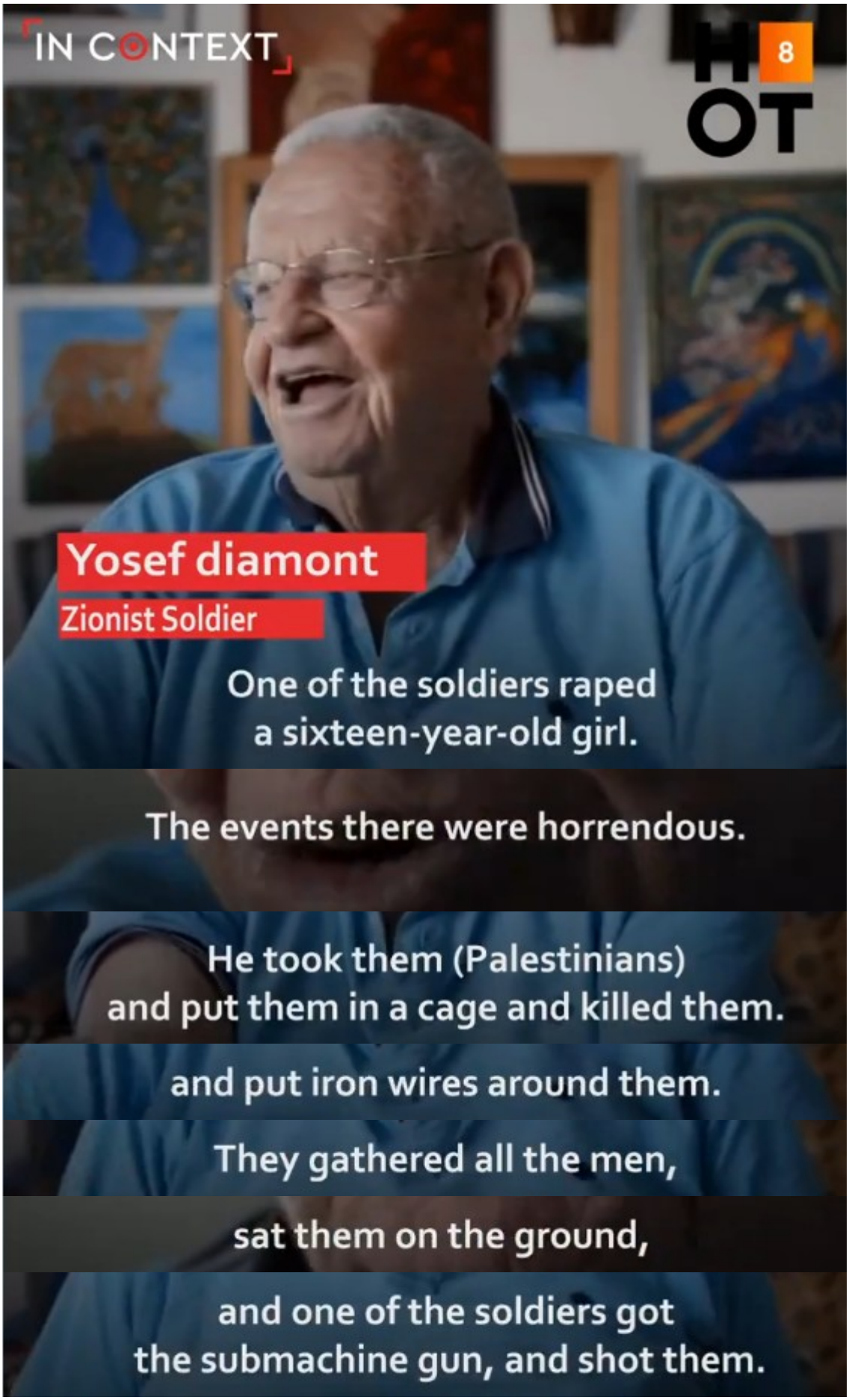
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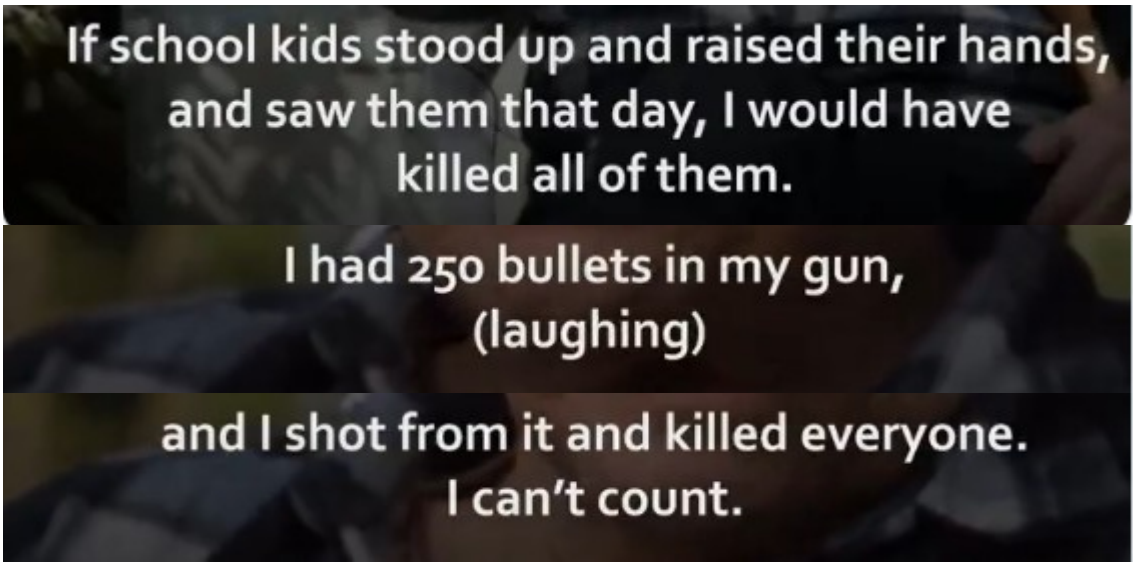
Zionist Soldier
One of the soldiers raped
a sixteen-year-old girl.
The events there were horrendous.
He took them (Palestinians)
and put them in a cage and killed them.
and put iron wires around them.
They gathered all the men,
sat them on the ground,
and one of the soldiers got
the submachine gun, and shot them.

They imposed a cover-up.

and ran after the villagers,
and burned them.

It was horrible.



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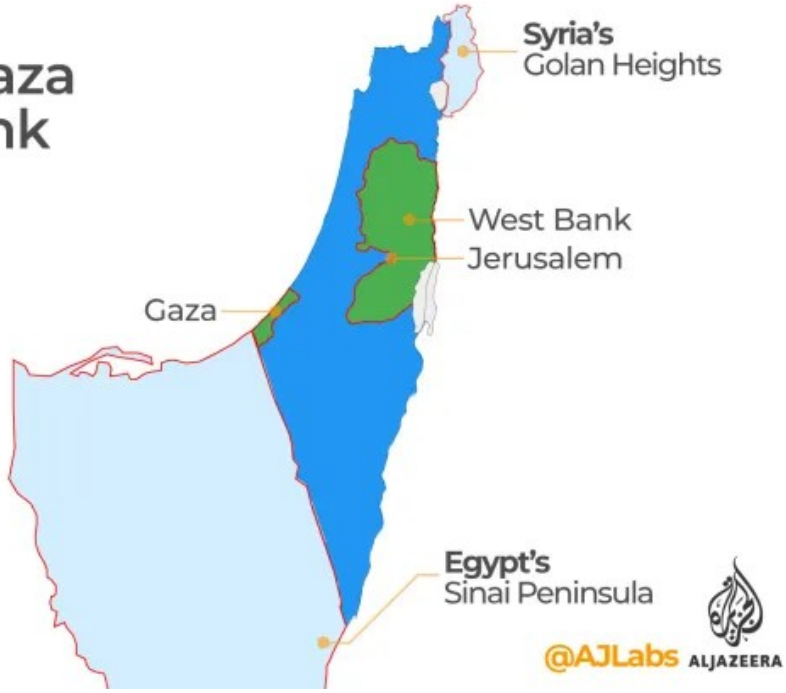
British soldiers examine illegal weapons and ammunition confiscated from Zionist settlements. The arms and munitions dumps were uncovered in the settlements of Dorot and Ruhama (Mandatory Palestine, September 1946).

https://www.reddit.com/r/Palestine/comments/1bpjnko/
british_soldiers_examine_illegal_weapons_and/

1967
Israel occupies Gaza and the West Bank

- Palestinian (under Israeli occupation)
- Israeli
- Egyptian and Syrian land occupied by Israel

During the June 1967 War, Israel occupied all of historic Palestine and expelled a further **300,000 Palestinians** from their homes.



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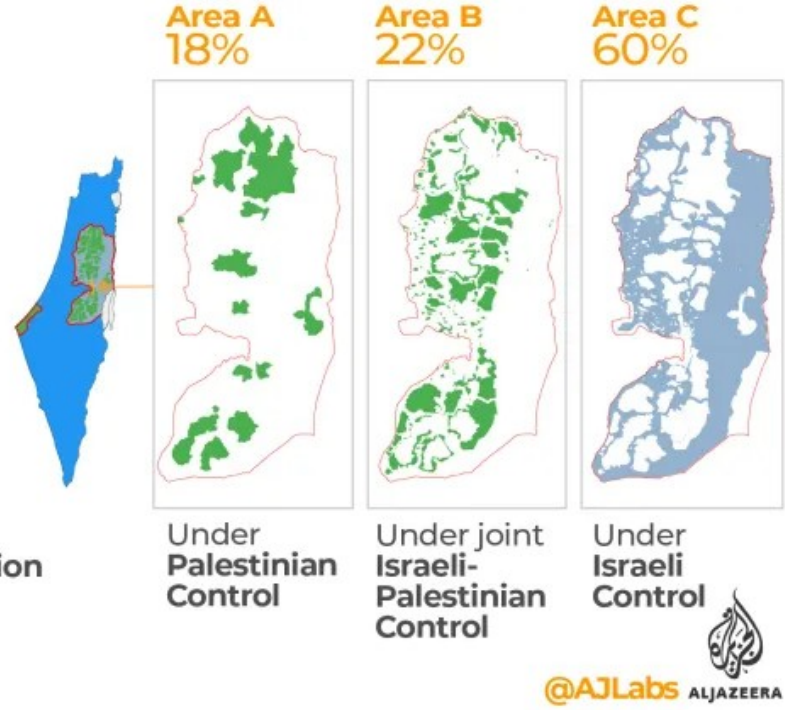
1993 & 1995
Oslo accords

- Palestinian (under Israeli occupation)
- Israeli
- Area C - (Palestinian under Israeli control)

The occupied West Bank was **divided into three areas** - A, B and C - as part of the Oslo Accords, signed by the **Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) and Israel.**



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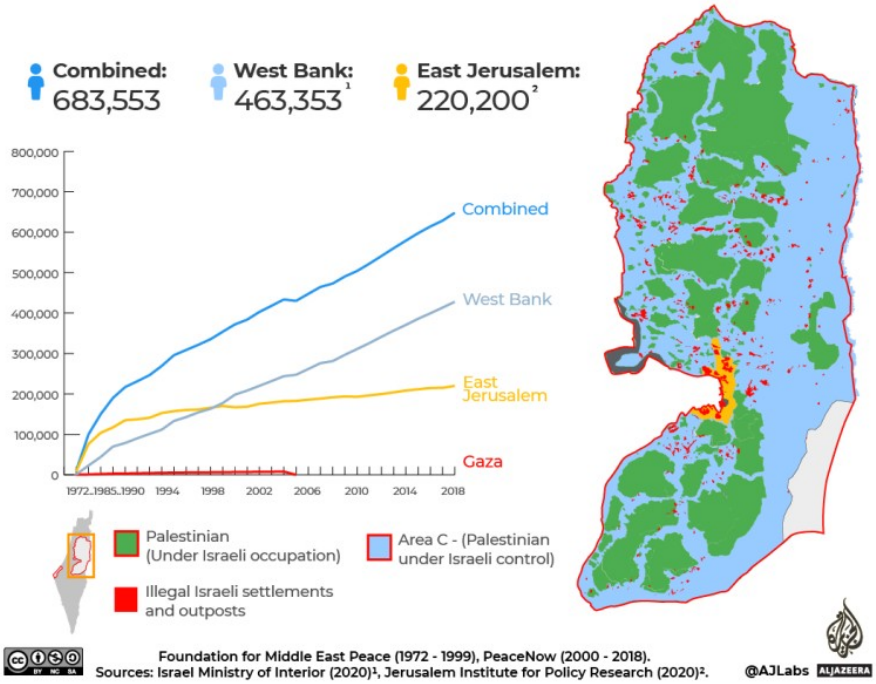
Illegal Israeli settlements

Settlements are Jewish compounds built on Palestinian land. Between 600,000 and 750,000 Israeli settlers live in at least 290 settlements and outposts in the occupied West Bank and East Jerusalem. **Israeli settlements are illegal under international law.**



Foundation for Middle East Peace (1972 - 1999), PeaceNow (2000 - 2018).
Sources: Israel Ministry of Interior (2020)[1], Jerusalem Institute for Policy Research (2020)[2].

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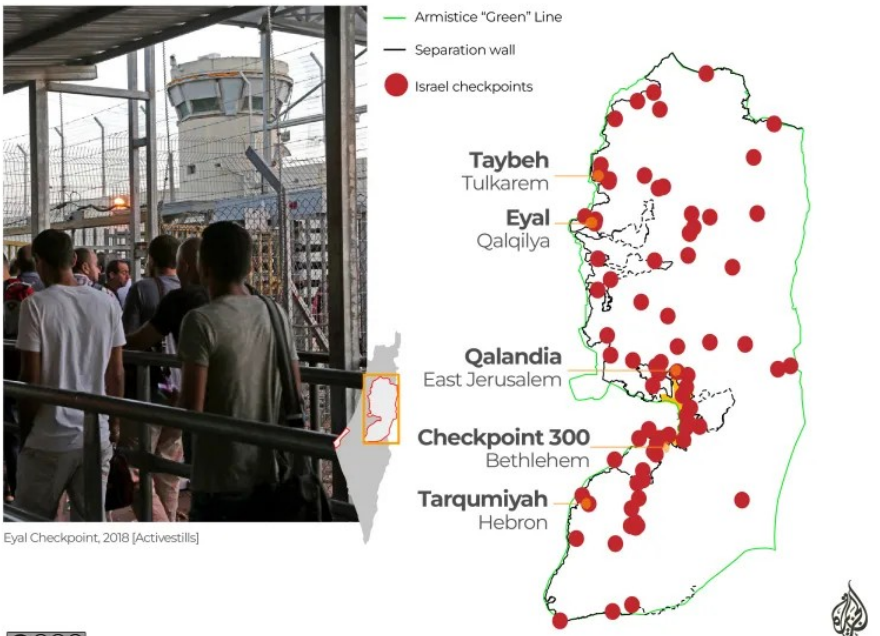
ISRAEL-PALESTINE CONFLICT

Israeli checkpoints in occupied West Bank

There are at least **645 fixed physical obstacles**, **49 checkpoints constantly staffed** by Israeli companies and **139 occasionally staffed checkpoints**. In 2022, Israeli forces also deployed an average of four ad hoc, "flying" checkpoints each week in the occupied West Bank.



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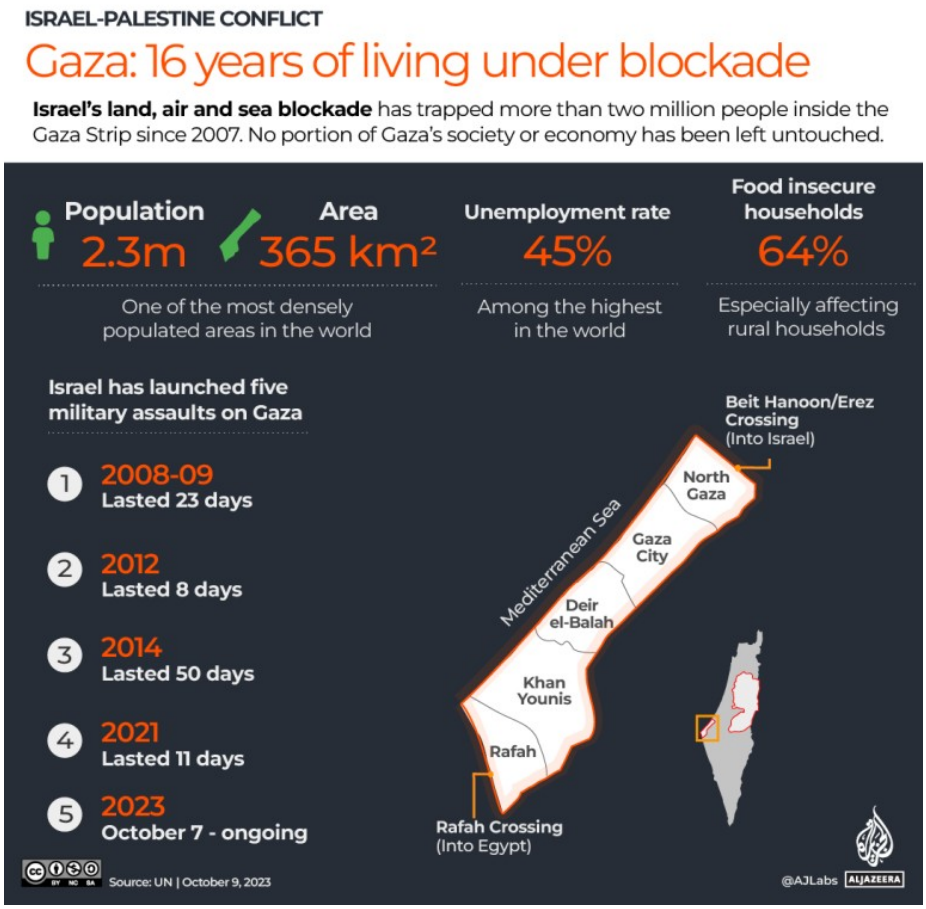

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Legal Background: Israel is the Illegal Occupying Power in Gaza & Palestine

United Nations S/RES/2334 (2016)

Security Council

Distr.: General
23 December 2016

Resolution 2334 (2016)

Adopted by the Security Council at its 7853rd meeting, on 23 December 2016

The Security Council,

Reaffirming its relevant resolutions, including resolutions 242 (1967), 338 (1973), 446 (1979), 452 (1979), 465 (1980), 476 (1980), 478 (1980), 1397 (2002), 1515 (2003), and 1850 (2008),

Guided by the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, and reaffirming, *inter alia*, the inadmissibility of the acquisition of territory by force,

Reaffirming the obligation of Israel, the occupying Power, to abide scrupulously by its legal obligations and responsibilities under the Fourth Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War, of 12 August 1949, and *recalling* the advisory opinion rendered on 9 July 2004 by the International Court of Justice,

Condemning all measures aimed at altering the demographic composition, character and status of the Palestinian Territory occupied since 1967, including East Jerusalem, including, *inter alia*, the construction and expansion of settlements, transfer of Israeli settlers, confiscation of land, demolition of homes and displacement of Palestinian civilians, in violation of international humanitarian law and relevant resolutions,

Expressing grave concern that continuing Israeli settlement activities are dangerously imperilling the viability of the two-State solution based on the 1967 lines,

Recalling the obligation under the Quartet Roadmap, endorsed by its resolution 1515 (2003), for a freeze by Israel of all settlement activity, including "natural growth", and the dismantlement of all settlement outposts erected since March 2001,

Recalling also the obligation under the Quartet roadmap for the Palestinian Authority Security Forces to maintain effective operations aimed at confronting all those engaged in terror and dismantling terrorist capabilities, including the confiscation of illegal weapons,

Condemning all acts of violence against civilians, including acts of terror, as well as all acts of provocation, incitement and destruction,

Reiterating its vision of a region where two democratic States, Israel and Palestine, live side by side in peace within secure and recognized borders,

Stressing that the status quo is not sustainable and that significant steps, consistent with the transition contemplated by prior agreements, are urgently needed in order to (i) stabilize the situation and to reverse negative trends on the ground, which are steadily eroding the two-State solution and entrenching a one-State reality, and (ii) to create the conditions for successful final status negotiations and for advancing the two-State solution through those negotiations and on the ground,

1. *Reaffirms* that the establishment by Israel of settlements in the Palestinian territory occupied since 1967, including East Jerusalem, has no legal validity and constitutes a flagrant violation under international law and a major obstacle to the achievement of the two-State solution and a just, lasting and comprehensive peace;

2. *Reiterates* its demand that Israel immediately and completely cease all settlement activities in the occupied Palestinian territory, including East Jerusalem, and that it fully respect all of its legal obligations in this regard;

3. *Underlines* that it will not recognize any changes to the 4 June 1967 lines, including with regard to Jerusalem, other than those agreed by the parties through negotiations;

4. *Stresses* that the cessation of all Israeli settlement activities is essential for salvaging the two-State solution, and calls for affirmative steps to be taken immediately to reverse the negative trends on the ground that are imperilling the two-State solution;

5. *Calls* upon all States, bearing in mind paragraph 1 of this resolution, to distinguish, in their relevant dealings, between the territory of the State of Israel and the territories occupied since 1967;

6. *Calls* for immediate steps to prevent all acts of violence against civilians, including acts of terror, as well as all acts of provocation and destruction, calls for accountability in this regard, and calls for compliance with obligations under international law for the strengthening of ongoing efforts to combat terrorism, including through existing security coordination, and to clearly condemn all acts of terrorism;

7. *Calls upon* both parties to act on the basis of international law, including international humanitarian law, and their previous agreements and obligations, to observe calm and restraint, and to refrain from provocative actions, incitement and inflammatory rhetoric, with the aim, *inter alia*, of de-escalating the situation on the ground, rebuilding trust and confidence, demonstrating through policies and actions a genuine commitment to the two-State solution, and creating the conditions necessary for promoting peace;

8. *Calls upon* all parties to continue, in the interest of the promotion of peace and security, to exert collective efforts to launch credible negotiations on all final status issues in the Middle East peace process and within the time frame specified by the Quartet in its statement of 21 September 2010;

9. *Urges in this regard* the intensification and acceleration of international and regional diplomatic efforts and support aimed at achieving, without delay a comprehensive, just and lasting peace in the Middle East on the basis of the relevant United Nations resolutions, the Madrid terms of reference, including the principle of land for peace, the Arab Peace Initiative and the Quartet Roadmap and an end to the Israeli occupation that began in 1967; and *underscores* in this regard the importance of the ongoing efforts to advance the Arab Peace Initiative, the initiative of France for the convening of an international peace conference, the recent efforts of the Quartet, as well as the efforts of Egypt and the Russian Federation;

10. *Confirms its determination* to support the parties throughout the negotiations and in the implementation of an agreement;

11. *Reaffirms* its determination to examine practical ways and means to secure the full implementation of its relevant resolutions;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Council every three months on the implementation of the provisions of the present resolution;

13. *Decides* to remain seized of the matter.

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https://www.un.org/webcast/pdfs/SRES2334-2016.pdf

Israeli Funding for Hamas

“Hamas was financed by the Israeli government in an attempt to weaken the Palestinian Authority”

- Josep Borrell, European Union Foreign Policy Chief

EU foreign policy chief Josep Borrell | John Thys/AFP via Getty Images

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EU’s top diplomat accuses Israel of funding Hamas

Josep Borrell makes explosive claim right before Israeli foreign minister arrives in Brussels on Monday.

https://www.politico.eu/article/israel-funded-hamas-claims-eu-top-diplomat-josep-borrell/

Netanyahu: Money to Hamas part of strategy to keep Palestinians divided

"Now that we are supervising, we know it's going to humanitarian causes," the source said, paraphrasing Netanyahu.

By LAHAV HARKOV
MARCH 12, 2019 03:49

The prime minister also said that, "whoever is against a Palestinian state should be for" transferring the funds to Gaza, because maintaining a separation between the PA in the West Bank and Hamas in Gaza helps prevent the establishment of a Palestinian state.

Yisrael Beytenu leader Avigdor Liberman, who resigned as head of the Defense Ministry over Gaza policies, said on Saturday that the payments are a "miserable decision," marking "the first time Israel is funding terrorism against itself."

https://www.jpost.com/Arab-Israeli-Conflict/Netanyahu-Money-to-Hamas-part-of-strategy-to-keep-Palestinians-divided-583082

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Opinion | A Brief History of the Netanyahu-Hamas Alliance

For 14 years, Netanyahu's policy was to keep Hamas in power; the pogrom of October 7, 2023, helps the Israeli prime minister preserve his own rule

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Much ink has been spilled describing the longtime relationship – rather, alliance – between Benjamin Netanyahu and Hamas. And still, the very fact that there has been close cooperation between the Israeli prime minister (with the support of many on the right) and the fundamentalist organization seemingly evaporated from most of the current analyses – everyone's talking about "failures," "mistakes" and "contzeptziot" (fixed conceptions). Given this, there is a need not only to review the history of cooperation but also to conclude unequivocally: The pogrom of October 7, 2023, helps Netanyahu, and not for the first time, to preserve his rule, certainly in the short term.

The MO of Netanyahu's policy since his return to the Prime Minister's Office in 2009 has and continues to be, on the one hand, bolstering the rule of Hamas in the Gaza Strip, and, on the other, weakening the Palestinian Authority.

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OP-ED

For years, Netanyahu propped up Hamas. Now it's blown up in our faces

The premier's policy of treating the terror group as a partner, at the expense of Abbas and Palestinian statehood, has resulted in wounds that will take Israel years to heal from

By TAL SCHNEIDER FOLLOW
8 October 2023, 3:58 pm

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For years, the various governments led by Benjamin Netanyahu took an approach that divided power between the Gaza Strip and the West Bank — bringing Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas to his knees while making moves that propped up the Hamas terror group.

Since Netanyahu returned to power in January 2023, the number of work permits has soared to nearly 20,000.

Additionally, since 2014, Netanyahu-led governments have practically turned a blind eye to the incendiary balloons and rocket fire from Gaza.

Meanwhile, Israel has allowed suitcases holding millions in Qatari cash to enter Gaza through its crossings since 2018, in order to maintain its fragile ceasefire with the Hamas rulers of the Strip.

Most of the time, Israeli policy was to treat the Palestinian Authority as a burden and Hamas as an asset. Far-right MK Bezalel Smotrich, now the finance minister in the hardline government and leader of the Religious Zionism party, said so himself in 2015.

According to various reports, Netanyahu made a similar point at a Likud faction meeting in early 2019, when he was quoted as saying that those who oppose a Palestinian state should support the transfer of funds to Gaza, because maintaining the separation between the Palestinian Authority in the West Bank and Hamas in Gaza would prevent the establishment of a Palestinian state.

While Netanyahu does not make these kind of statements publicly or officially, his words are in line with the policy that he implemented.

https://www.timesofisrael.com/for-years-netanyahu-propped-up-hamas-now-its-blown-up-in-our-faces/

‘Buying Quiet’: Inside the Israeli Plan That Propped Up Hamas

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu gambled that a strong Hamas (but not too strong) would keep the peace and reduce pressure for a Palestinian state.

By Mark Mazzetti and Ronen Bergman
Reporting from Tel Aviv and Jerusalem

Dec. 10, 2023

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Just weeks before Hamas launched the deadly Oct. 7 attacks on Israel, the head of Mossad arrived in Doha, Qatar, for a meeting with Qatari officials.

For years, the Qatari government had been sending millions of dollars a month into the Gaza Strip — money that helped prop up the Hamas government there. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel not only tolerated those payments, he had encouraged them.

During his meetings in September with the Qatari officials, according to several people familiar with the secret discussions, the Mossad chief, David Barnea, was asked a question that had not been on the agenda: Did Israel want the payments to continue?

Mr. Netanyahu’s government had recently decided to continue the policy, so Mr. Barnea said yes. The Israeli government still welcomed the money from Doha.

Allowing the payments — billions of dollars over roughly a decade — was a gamble by Mr. Netanyahu that a steady flow of money would maintain peace in Gaza, the eventual launching point of the Oct. 7 attacks, and keep Hamas focused on governing, not fighting.

The Qatari payments, while ostensibly a secret, have been widely known and discussed in the Israeli news media for years. Mr. Netanyahu’s critics disparage them as part of a strategy of “buying quiet,” and the policy is in the middle of a ruthless reassessment following the attacks. Mr. Netanyahu has lashed back at that criticism, calling the suggestion that he tried to empower Hamas “ridiculous.”

As far back as December 2012, Mr. Netanyahu told the prominent Israeli journalist Dan Margalit that it was important to keep Hamas strong, as a counterweight to the Palestinian Authority in the West Bank. Mr. Margalit, in an interview, said that Mr. Netanyahu told him that having two strong rivals, including Hamas, would lessen pressure on him to negotiate toward a Palestinian state.

The official in the prime minister's office said Mr. Netanyahu never made this statement. But the prime minister would articulate this idea to others over the years.

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The Strategic Genius Behind Allowing Qatari Suitcases of Cash into Gaza

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Hamas tunnel uncovered by the IDF in Gaza, image by IDF via Wikipedia

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: Qatar and Hamas were duped when, on the fourth day of the Guardian of the Walls offensive, Israel destroyed the Qataris' billion-dollar investment in the terrorist organization in 40 minutes. The question is, can Israel leverage this success into disarming Hamas? It all depends on the resolve of Israel's leadership.

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Three suitcases stuffed with $15m pass to Hamas in Gaza

The money was given to Hamas by Qatar, but would have needed Israeli approval to enter the Gaza Strip through the Erez crossing.

Opposition leader MK Tzipi Livni (Zionist Union) noted that this was an apt end to a day that began with news of indictments against Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's associates in a bribery case and ended with suitcases of cash for a terror group who has sworn to destroy Israel.

The suitcases could only have gone in with Netanyahu's approval, she said. The prime minister "has sold out [our] security to his associates and has purchased temporary quiet from Hamas," she added "Netanyahu has to go."

https://www.jpost.com/arab-israeli-conflict/three-suitcases-stuffed-with-15m-passed-to-hamas-in-gaza-571449

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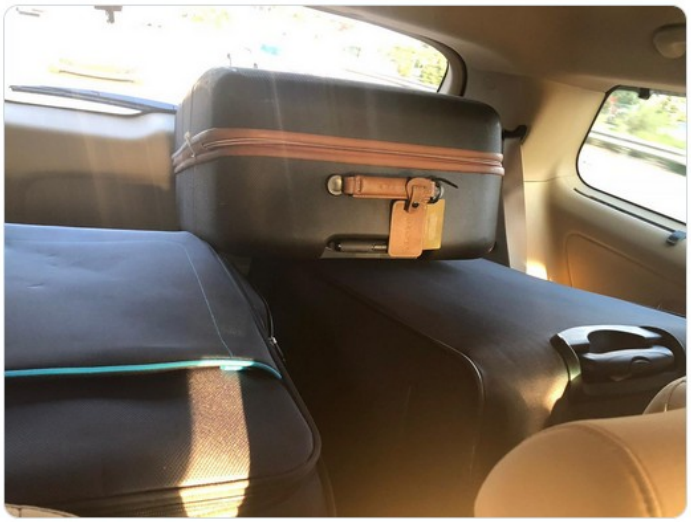

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The Hannibal Directive: Stop Hostages At All Costs, Including Shooting Israelis

The **Hannibal Directive** (Hebrew: נוהל חניבעל; also **Hannibal Procedure** or **Hannibal Protocol**) is the name of a controversial procedure that was used by Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) until 2016 to prevent the capture of Israeli soldiers by enemy forces. According to one version, it says that "the kidnapping must be stopped by all means, even at the price of striking and harming our own forces."[2] It was introduced in 1986, after a number of abductions of IDF soldiers in Lebanon and subsequent controversial prisoner exchanges. The full text of the directive was never published, and until 2003, Israeli military censorship forbade any discussion of the subject in the press. The directive has been changed several times,[2] until it was officially revoked in 2016 by IDF chief of staff Gadi Eizenkot. The Directive's replacement has not been published.[3][4]

Two versions of the Hannibal Directive may have existed simultaneously at times: a written version, accessible only to the upper echelon of the IDF, and an "oral law" version for division commanders and lower levels. In the latter version, "by all means" was often interpreted literally, as in "an IDF soldier was 'better dead than abducted'". In 2011, IDF Chief of Staff Benny Gantz stated the directive does not permit killing IDF soldiers to prevent abduction.[5]

Israeli newspapers have reported that the IDF was issued orders echoing the wording of the Hannibal Directive during the 2023 Hamas-led attack on Israel. The IDF was ordered to prevent "at all costs" the abduction of Israeli civilians or soldiers, possibly leading to the death of a large number of Israeli hostages.[6][7][8]

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hannibal_Directive

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What's Israel's Hannibal Directive? A former Israeli soldier tells all

The controversial policy to avoid the capture of Israeli soldiers isn't formally in place now. But echoes persist in the war in Gaza, say some analysts.

Israel last invoked it in 2014 during the war on Gaza that year, according to leaked military audio recordings, though the army denied it had used the doctrine. Dozens of Palestinians were killed in the Israeli bombardment that followed, sparking accusations of war crimes against the Israeli army.

But to Shaul, the Hannibal Directive made sense as a soldier of war.

What is the Hannibal Directive?

The directive, also known as the Hannibal Procedure or Hannibal Protocol, is an Israeli military policy that stipulates the use of maximum force in the event of a soldier being kidnapped, said Shaul.

"You will open fire without constraints, in order to prevent the abduction," he said, adding that the use of force is carried out even at the risk of killing a captive soldier.

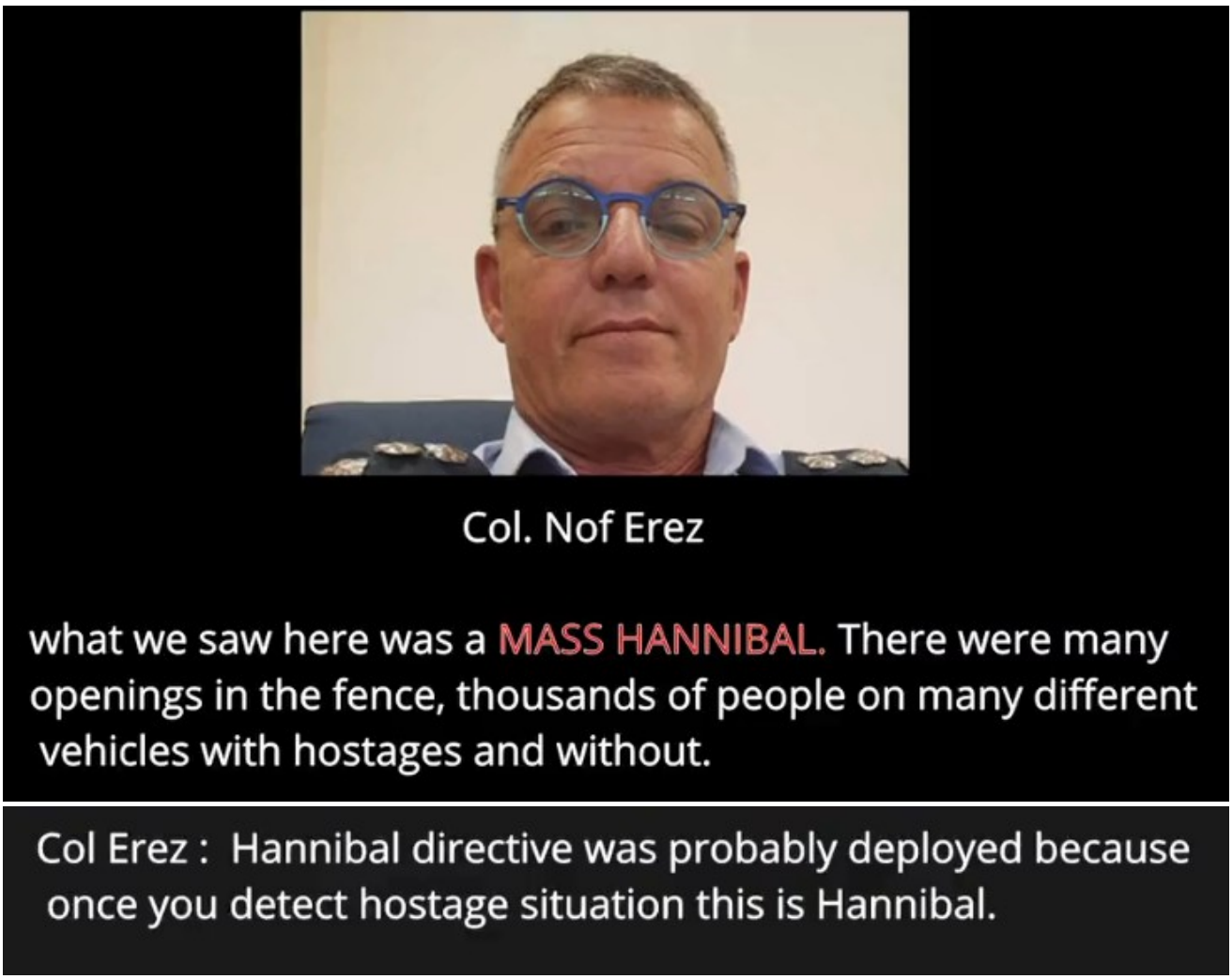
In addition to firing at the abductors, soldiers can fire at junctions, roads, highways and other pathways opponents may take a kidnapped soldier through, Shaul said.

The Israeli military has denied the interpretation of the directive that allows for the killing of their fellow troops, but Israeli soldiers, including Shaul, have understood it as a licence to do just that, as it is preferred to a scenario in which a soldier is taken prisoner.

Shaul said that the directive was shared with him and other commanders orally. "I've never seen any written text of the rules of engagement," he said.

https://www.aljazeera.com/features/2023/11/3/whats-the-hannibal-directive-a-former-israeli-soldier-tells-all

October 7th Attack: Israeli Mass Hannibal Event



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Footage shot by Israeli Apache helicopters inside Israel on October 7, 2023,
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https://x.com/jacksonhinklle/status/1774202143232200865?s=20

Cars of attendees at the party, in October Photo by Elijah Hershkowitz

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Security system assessment: Hamas did not know in advance about the Nova Festival, and identified it from the air

The police investigation found that Hamas planned to reach a bad kibbutz and other kibbutzim, and found out about the party in real time. It also emerges that a military helicopter fired at terrorists apparently also hit several celebrants

232 and not from the fence. According to a police official, an investigator of the incident also revealed that an IDF fighter helicopter arriving at the base of David's level fired at the terrorists and .apparently also hit some of the celebrants who were at the scene

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https://www.haaretz.co.il/news/politics/2023-11-18/ty-article/0000018b-e1a5-d168-a3ef-f5ff4d070000

October 7 testimonies reveal Israel's military 'shelling' Israeli citizens with tanks, missiles

MAX BLUMENTHAL · OCTOBER 27, 2023

Israel's military received orders to shell Israeli homes and even their own bases as they were overwhelmed by Hamas militants on October 7. How many Israeli citizens said to have been "burned alive" were actually killed by friendly fire?

Several new testimonies by Israeli witnesses to the October 7 Hamas surprise attack on southern Israel adds to growing evidence that the Israeli military killed its own citizens as they fought to neutralize Palestinian gunmen.

Tuval Escapa, a member of the security team for Kibbutz Be'eri, set up a hotline to coordinate between kibbutz residents and the Israeli army. He told the Israeli newspaper Haaretz that as desperation began to set in, "the commanders in the field made difficult decisions – including shelling houses on their occupants in order to eliminate the terrorists along with the hostages."

A separate report published in Haaretz noted that the Israeli military was "compelled to request an aerial strike" against its own facility inside the Erez Crossing to Gaza "in order to repulse the terrorists" who had seized control. That base was filled with Israeli Civil Administration officers and soldiers at the time.

These reports indicate that orders came down from the military's high command to attack homes and other areas inside Israel, even at the cost of many Israeli lives.

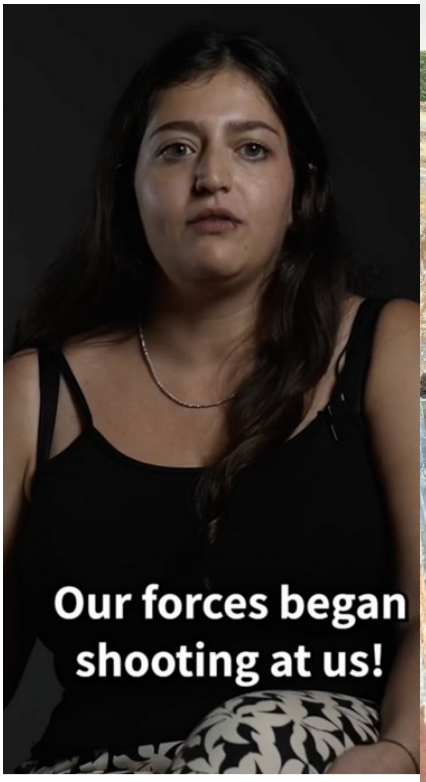
Much of the shelling in Be'eri was carried out by Israeli tank crews. As a reporter for the Israeli Foreign Ministry-sponsored outlet i24 noted during a visit to Be'eri, "small and quaint homes [were] bombarded or destroyed," and "well-maintained lawns [were] ripped up by the tracks of an armored vehicle, perhaps a tank."

Apache attack helicopters also figured heavily in the Israeli military's response on October 7. Pilots have told Israeli media they scrambled to the battlefield without any intelligence, unable to differentiate between Hamas fighters and Israeli noncombatants, and yet determined to "empty the belly" of their war machines. "I find myself in a dilemma as to what to shoot at, because there are so many of them," one Apache pilot commented.

Israel bombs its own base, nerve center of the Gaza siege

Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ) launched Operation Al-Aqsa Flood at 6 AM on October 7, quickly overwhelming the military bases from which Israel maintain its siege of the Gaza Strip. Chief among the objectives outlined by Hamas and PIJ was the release of Palestinians imprisoned by Israel, including as many as 700 children passing through the system each year along with 1264 Palestinians currently being held without charges.

The 2011 swap for Gilad Shalit, an Israeli soldier captured five years prior and released in exchange for 1027 prisoners, provided clear inspiration for Al-Aqsa Flood. By storming military bases and kibbutzes, the Palestinian militants aimed to capture as many Israeli soldiers and civilians as possible, and bring them back to Gaza alive.



From Danielle Rachiel's video testimony on October 7

https://thegrayzone.com/2023/10/27/israels-military-shelled-burning-tanks-helicopters/

Instruction: Prevent terrorists from returning to Gaza "at any cost", even if they have kidnappings with them

Chaos investigation in the early hours of October 7: confused orders, pilots who were not the ones to guide them to attack terrorists, and instructed to shoot all vehicles returning to Gaza – despite concerns that they were being kidnapped. The full investigation, which sketches the morning of the attack, will be published tomorrow in the "7 Days" "supplement of "Last News

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On the morning of October 7, some of the most heroic and sacrificial episodes were recorded in the history of the country, but also a long series of failures, mishaps and chaos in the military. The "7 Days" investigation to be published tomorrow (Friday) outlines the first hours of the Black Sabbath: a command system that has almost completely failed and completely blinded; Fighters who, due to lack of communication, had to direct air assistance through the cellphone; YMCs who went to battle fighters with weapons without intent or ceramic vests; old and unadjusted orders pasted in "Coffey Feist" and sent to the field; officers who concluded that there was no choice and must obtain helicopters in "Combina" to bounce their forces; And TAM operators who had to enter the kibbutz's watsap groups to make targets of .besieged citizens. And that's just a partial list

One of the revelations revealed in the investigation is that at the midnight of October 7, the IDF ordered all of its actual combat units on the Hannibal procedure, though without clearly stating this explicit name. The order was to stop "at all costs" any attempt by Hamas terrorists to return to Gaza, that is, despite the concern that some .have kidnappers

https://www.ynet.co.il/news/article/yokra13754368

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Full YNet investigation on Oct 7:

-Confirmation of "mass Hannibal" friendly fire orders
-70 cars hit by Israeli helicopters, tanks or anti-tank missiles "and at least in some cases everyone in the vehicle was killed"
-Firing regulations abandoned w.ynet.co.il/yediot/7-days/...

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Israeli news and general content website

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https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ynet

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introduced that actions that will most likely endanger the life of the abductee must be avoided.

The "7 Days" investigation reveals that at midnight on October 7, the IDF instructs all its fighting units in practice to use the "Hannibal Procedure", although without clearly mentioning this explicit name. The instruction is to stop "at all costs" any attempt by Hamas terrorists to return to Gaza, using language very similar to the original "Hannibal Procedure", despite repeated assurances by the security establishment that the procedure has been cancelled.

The actual meaning of the order is that the main goal is to stop the retreat of the Nuh'ba activists. And if they took hostages with them – then even if this means risking or harming the lives of civilians in the area, including the abductees themselves.

According to some testimonies, the Air Force acted at those hours according to the directive of preventing arrival from Gaza to Israel, and return from Israel to Gaza. It is estimated that about a thousand terrorists and infiltrators were killed in the area between the Otaf settlements and the Gaza Strip. It is not clear at this point how many of the abductees were killed due to the activation of this order on October 7. In the week after Black Sabbath, soldiers of elite units, at the initiative of the Southern Command, checked about 70 vehicles that remained in the area between the Otaf settlements and the Gaza Strip. These are vehicles that did not reach Gaza, because on the way they were shot by a combat helicopter, an anti-tank missile or a tank, and at least in some cases everyone in the vehicle was killed.

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The October 7th Rape Hoax:

The Intercept_

KIBBUTZ BE'ERI REJECTS STORY IN NEW YORK TIMES OCTOBER 7 EXPOSÉ: "THEY WERE NOT SEXUALLY ABUSED"

"It's not true," said the kibbutz spokesperson, of one of the stories featured in the paper's controversial article.

Jeremy Scahill, Ryan Grim

March 4 2024, 6:28 p.m.

[redacted] **"No, they just — they were shot. I'm saying 'just,' but they were shot and were not subjected to sexual abuse."**

TWO OF THE three victims specifically singled out by the New York Times in a marquee exposé published in December, which alleged that Hamas had deliberately weaponized sexual violence during the October 7 attacks, were not in fact victims of sexual assault, according to the spokesperson for the Kibbutz Be'eri, which the Times identified as the location of the attack.

The rejection of the Times reporting in the kibbutz by Be'eri spokesperson Michal Paikin further undermines the credibility of the paper's controversial December article "'Screams Without Words': How Hamas Weaponized Sexual Violence on Oct. 7."

The Times article described three alleged victims of sexual assault for whom it reported specific biographical information. One, known as the "woman in the black dress," was Gal Abdush. Some of her family members have contested the claims made by the Times. The other two alleged victims were unnamed teenage sisters from Kibbutz Be'eri whose precise ages were listed in the New York Times, making it possible to identify them.

> Months before the Times story was published on December 28, the Brisleys had already given an interview to the BBC offering details contradicting the depiction that would later appear in the Times, including the assertion the girls were found alone in a room. Gillian Brisley told the BBC on October 30 that the teenage girls were "found all cuddled together with Lianne doing what a mother would do – holding her babies in her arms, trying to protect them at the end." Brisley said it was a "small comfort but a comfort nevertheless."

https://theintercept.com/2024/03/04/nyt-october-7-sexual-violence-kibbutz-beeri/

Sexual abuse allegation in Kibbutz Be'eri on 7 October 'not true', says spokesperson

New York Times report alleging sexual abuse against two sisters during Hamas attack denied by kibbutz spokesperson

The article, titled "Screams without words", described three alleged victims of sexual assault, when Hamas and other Palestinian groups launched a surprise attack on southern Israel killing around 1,140 people.

Two of the alleged victims of sexual assault were unnamed teenage sisters from Kibbutz Be'eri, aged 13 and 16. The Intercept used the details from the Times piece to identify the girls as members of the Sharabi family.

Michal Paikin, spokesperson for the kibbutz, denied that the two girls were sexually abused.

"You're talking about the Sharabi girls?" he told The Intercept. "No, they ... were shot and were not subjected to sexual abuse."

The Times article mainly relied on the testimony of an unnamed Israeli special forces paramedic.

It also cited unidentified neighbours in Be'eri who said the girls' bodies were found separated from their families. However, the Sharabi family has disputed this detail.

"They were just shot, nothing else had been done to them," their grandmother Gillian Brisley told Israel's Channel 12 in a recent interview.

https://www.middleeasteye.net/news/sexual-abuse-allegations-kibbutz-beri-not-true-hamas-7-october

Gaza Before October 7:

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18 U.S. Code § 1091 - Genocide

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(a) Basic Offense.—Whoever, whether in time of peace or in time of war and with the specific intent to destroy, in whole or in substantial part, a national, ethnic, racial, or religious group as such—

(1) kills members of that group;

(2) causes serious bodily injury to members of that group;

(3) causes the permanent impairment of the mental faculties of members of the group through drugs, torture, or similar techniques;

(4) subjects the group to conditions of life that are intended to cause the physical destruction of the group in whole or in part;

(5) imposes measures intended to prevent births within the group; or

(6) transfers by force children of the group to another group;

shall be punished as provided in subsection (b).

(b) Punishment for Basic Offense.—The punishment for an offense under subsection (a) is—

(1) in the case of an offense under subsection (a)(1), where death results, by death or imprisonment for life and a fine of not more than $1,000,000, or both; and

(2) a fine of not more than $1,000,000 or imprisonment for not more than twenty years, or both, in any other case.

(c) Incitement Offense.—
Whoever directly and publicly incites another to violate subsection (a) shall be fined not more than $500,000 or imprisoned not more than five years, or both.

(d) Attempt and Conspiracy.—
Any person who attempts or conspires to commit an offense under this section shall be punished in the same manner as a person who completes the offense.

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18 U.S. Code § 2441 - War crimes

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(a) Offense.—
Whoever, whether inside or outside the United States, commits a war crime, in any of the circumstances described in subsection (b), shall be fined under this title or imprisoned for life or any term of years, or both, and if death results to the victim, shall also be subject to the penalty of death.

(b) Jurisdiction.—There is jurisdiction over an offense described in subsection (a) if—

(1) the offense occurs in whole or in part within the United States; or

(2) regardless of where the offense occurs—

(A) the victim or offender is—

(i) a national of the United States or an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence; or

(ii) a member of the Armed Forces of the United States, regardless of nationality; or

(B) the offender is present in the United States, regardless of the nationality of the victim or offender.

(c) Definition.—As used in this section the term "war crime" means any conduct—

(1) defined as a grave breach in any of the international conventions signed at Geneva 12 August 1949, or any protocol to such convention to which the United States is a party;

(2) prohibited by Article 23, 25, 27, or 28 of the Annex to the Hague Convention IV, Respecting the Laws and Customs of War on Land, signed 18 October 1907;

(3) which constitutes a grave breach of common Article 3 (as defined in subsection (d)) when committed in the context of and in association with an armed conflict not of an international character; or

(4) of a person who, in relation to an armed conflict and contrary to the provisions of the Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices as amended at Geneva on 3 May 1996 (Protocol II as amended on 3 May 1996), when the United States is a party to such Protocol, willfully kills or causes serious injury to civilians.

(d) Common Article 3 Violations.—

(1) Prohibited conduct.—In subsection (c)(3), the term "grave breach of common Article 3" means any conduct (such conduct constituting a grave breach of common Article 3 of the international conventions done at Geneva August 12, 1949), as follows:

(A) Torture.—
The act of a person who commits, or conspires or attempts to commit, an act specifically intended to inflict severe physical or mental pain or suffering (other than pain or suffering incidental to lawful sanctions) upon another person within his custody or physical control for the purpose of obtaining information or a confession, punishment, intimidation, coercion, or any reason based on discrimination of any kind.

(B) Cruel or inhuman treatment.—
The act of a person who commits, or conspires or attempts to commit, an act intended to inflict severe or serious physical or mental pain or suffering (other than pain or suffering incidental to lawful sanctions), including serious physical abuse, upon another within his custody or control.

(C) Performing biological experiments.—
The act of a person who subjects, or conspires or attempts to subject, one or more persons within his custody or physical control to biological experiments without a legitimate medical or dental purpose and in so doing endangers the body or health of such person or persons.

(D) Murder.—
The act of a person who intentionally kills, or conspires or attempts to kill, or kills whether intentionally or unintentionally in the course of committing any other offense under this subsection, one or more persons taking no active part in the hostilities, including those placed out of combat by sickness, wounds, detention, or any other cause.

(E) Mutilation or maiming.—
The act of a person who intentionally injures, or conspires or attempts to injure, or injures whether intentionally or unintentionally in the course of committing any other offense under this subsection, one or more persons taking no active part in the hostilities, including those placed out of combat by sickness, wounds, detention, or any other cause, by disfiguring the person or persons by any mutilation thereof or by permanently disabling any member, limb, or organ of his body, without any legitimate medical or dental purpose.

(F) Intentionally causing serious bodily injury.—
The act of a person who intentionally causes, or conspires or attempts to cause, serious bodily injury to one or more persons, including lawful combatants, in violation of the law of war.

https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/18/2441

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Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide

Approved and proposed for signature and ratification or accession by General Assembly resolution 260 A (III) of 9 December 1948
Entry into force: 12 January 1951, in accordance with article XIII

Article II

In the present Convention, genocide means any of the following acts committed with intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnical, racial or religious group, as such:

(a) Killing members of the group;

(b) Causing serious bodily or mental harm to members of the group;

(c) Deliberately inflicting on the group conditions of life calculated to bring about its physical destruction in whole or in part;

(d) Imposing measures intended to prevent births within the group;

(e) Forcibly transferring children of the group to another group.

Article III

The following acts shall be punishable:

(a) Genocide;

(b) Conspiracy to commit genocide;

(c) Direct and public incitement to commit genocide;

(d) Attempt to commit genocide;

(e) Complicity in genocide.

Article IV

Persons committing genocide or any of the other acts enumerated in article III shall be punished, whether they are constitutionally responsible rulers, public officials or private individuals.

https://www.un.org/en/genocideprevention/documents/atrocity-crimes/Doc.1_Convention%20on%20the%20Prevention%20and%20Punishment%20of%20the%20Crime%20of%20Genocide.pdf

Geneva Convention of 1949, Article 33:

Article 33 - Individual responsibility, collective penalties, pillage, reprisals

No protected person may be punished for an offence he or she has not personally committed.

Collective penalties and likewise all measures of intimidation or of terrorism are prohibited.

Pillage is prohibited.

Reprisals against protected persons and their property are prohibited.

https://ihl-databases.icrc.org/en/ihl-treaties/gciv-1949/article-33

Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War

Article 23

Each High Contracting Party shall allow the free passage of all consignments of medical and hospital stores and objects necessary for religious worship intended only for civilians of another High Contracting Party, even if the latter is its adversary. It shall likewise permit the free passage of all consignments of essential foodstuffs, clothing and tonics intended for children under fifteen, expectant mothers and maternity cases.

https://www.ohchr.org/en/instruments-mechanisms/instruments/geneva-convention-relative-protection-civilian-persons-time-war

Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court

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Article 7
Crimes against humanity

1. For the purpose of this Statute, "crime against humanity" means any of the following acts when committed as part of a widespread or systematic attack directed against any civilian population, with knowledge of the attack:

   (a) Murder;

   (b) Extermination;

   (c) Enslavement;

   (d) Deportation or forcible transfer of population;

   (e) Imprisonment or other severe deprivation of physical liberty in violation of fundamental rules of international law;

   (f) Torture;

   (g) Rape, sexual slavery, enforced prostitution, forced pregnancy, enforced sterilization, or any other form of sexual violence of comparable gravity;

   (h) Persecution against any identifiable group or collectivity on political, racial, national, ethnic, cultural, religious, gender as defined in paragraph 3, or other grounds that are universally recognized as impermissible under international law, in connection with any act referred to in this paragraph or any crime within the jurisdiction of the Court;

   (i) Enforced disappearance of persons;

   (j) The crime of apartheid;

   (k) Other inhumane acts of a similar character intentionally causing great suffering, or serious injury to body or to mental or physical health.

Article 8[2]
War crimes

1. The Court shall have jurisdiction in respect of war crimes in particular when committed as part of a plan or policy or as part of a large-scale commission of such crimes.

2. For the purpose of this Statute, "war crimes" means:

   (a) Grave breaches of the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, namely, any of the following acts against persons or property protected under the provisions of the relevant Geneva Convention:

      (i) Wilful killing;

      (ii) Torture or inhuman treatment, including biological experiments;

      (iii) Wilfully causing great suffering, or serious injury to body or health;

      (iv) Extensive destruction and appropriation of property, not justified by military necessity and carried out unlawfully and wantonly;

      (v) Compelling a prisoner of war or other protected person to serve in the forces of a hostile Power;

      (vi) Wilfully depriving a prisoner of war or other protected person of the rights of fair and regular trial;

(b) Other serious violations of the laws and customs applicable in international armed conflict, within the established framework of international law, namely, any of the following acts:

(i) Intentionally directing attacks against the civilian population as such or against individual civilians not taking direct part in hostilities;

(ii) Intentionally directing attacks against civilian objects, that is, objects which are not military objectives;

(iii) Intentionally directing attacks against personnel, installations, material, units or vehicles involved in a humanitarian assistance or peacekeeping mission in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, as long as they are entitled to the protection given to civilians or civilian objects under the international law of armed conflict;

(iv) Intentionally launching an attack in the knowledge that such attack will cause incidental loss of life or injury to civilians or damage to civilian objects or widespread, long-term and severe damage to the natural environment which would be clearly excessive in relation to the concrete and direct overall military advantage anticipated;

(v) Attacking or bombarding, by whatever means, towns, villages, dwellings or buildings which are undefended and which are not military objectives;

(vi) Killing or wounding a combatant who, having laid down his arms or having no longer means of defence, has surrendered at discretion;

(vii) Making improper use of a flag of truce, of the flag or of the military insignia and uniform of the enemy or of the United Nations, as well as of the distinctive emblems of the Geneva Conventions, resulting in death or serious personal injury;

(viii) The transfer, directly or indirectly, by the Occupying Power of parts of its own civilian population into the territory it occupies, or the deportation or transfer of all or parts of the population of the occupied territory within or outside this territory;

(ix) Intentionally directing attacks against buildings dedicated to religion, education, art, science or charitable purposes, historic monuments, hospitals and places where the sick and wounded are collected, provided they are not military objectives;

(x) Subjecting persons who are in the power of an adverse party to physical mutilation or to medical or scientific experiments of any kind which are neither justified by the medical, dental or hospital treatment of the person concerned nor carried out in his or her interest, and which cause death to or seriously endanger the health of such person or persons;

(xi) Killing or wounding treacherously individuals belonging to the hostile nation or army;

(xii) Declaring that no quarter will be given;

(xiii) Destroying or seizing the enemy's property unless such destruction or seizure be imperatively demanded by the necessities of war;

(xxi) Committing outrages upon personal dignity, in particular humiliating and degrading treatment;

(xxii) Committing rape, sexual slavery, enforced prostitution, forced pregnancy, as defined in article 7, paragraph 2 (f), enforced sterilization, or any other form of sexual violence also constituting a grave breach of the Geneva Conventions;

(xxiii) Utilizing the presence of a civilian or other protected person to render certain points, areas or military forces immune from military operations;

(xxiv) Intentionally directing attacks against buildings, material, medical units and transport, and personnel using the distinctive emblems of the Geneva Conventions in conformity with international law;

(xxv) Intentionally using starvation of civilians as a method of warfare by depriving them of objects indispensable to their survival, including wilfully impeding relief supplies as provided for under the Geneva Conventions;

(xxvi) Conscripting or enlisting children under the age of fifteen years into the national armed forces or using them to participate actively in hostilities.

(c) In the case of an armed conflict not of an international character, serious violations of article 3 common to the four Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, namely, any of the following acts committed against persons taking no active part in the hostilities, including members of armed forces who have laid down their arms and those placed hors de combat by sickness, wounds, detention or any other cause:

(i) Violence to life and person, in particular murder of all kinds, mutilation, cruel treatment and torture;

(ii) Committing outrages upon personal dignity, in particular humiliating and degrading treatment;

(iii) Taking of hostages;

(iv) The passing of sentences and the carrying out of executions without previous judgement pronounced by a regularly constituted court, affording all judicial guarantees which are generally recognized as indispensable.

(d) Paragraph 2 (c) applies to armed conflicts not of an international character and thus does not apply to situations of internal disturbances and tensions, such as riots, isolated and sporadic acts of violence or other acts of a similar nature.

(e) Other serious violations of the laws and customs applicable in armed conflicts not of an international character, within the established framework of international law, namely, any of the following acts:

(i) Intentionally directing attacks against the civilian population as such or against individual civilians not taking direct part in hostilities;

(ii) Intentionally directing attacks against buildings, material, medical units and transport, and personnel using the distinctive emblems of the Geneva Conventions in conformity with international law;

(iii) Intentionally directing attacks against personnel, installations, material, units or vehicles involved in a humanitarian assistance or peacekeeping mission in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, as long as they are entitled to the protection given to civilians or civilian objects under the international law of armed conflict;

(iv) Intentionally directing attacks against buildings dedicated to religion, education, art, science or charitable purposes, historic monuments, hospitals and places where the sick and wounded are collected, provided they are not military objectives;

(v) Pillaging a town or place, even when taken by assault;

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evil 1 of 3 adjective

ˈē-vəl *British often and US sometimes* ˈē-(ˌ)vil

eviler *or* **eviller; evilest** *or* **evillest**

Synonyms of *evil* ›

1 **a** : morally reprehensible : SINFUL, WICKED
  an *evil* impulse

b : arising from actual or imputed bad character or conduct
  a person of *evil* reputation

2 **a** archaic : INFERIOR

b : causing discomfort or repulsion : OFFENSIVE
  an *evil* odor

c : DISAGREEABLE
  woke late and in an *evil* temper

3 **a** : causing harm : PERNICIOUS
  the *evil* institution of slavery

b : marked by misfortune : UNLUCKY

evilly ˈē-və(l)-lē *British often and US sometimes* ˈē-(ˌ)vi(l)- **adverb**

evilness ˈē-vəl-nəs *British often and US sometimes* ˈē-(ˌ)vil- **noun**

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United States Funding for the State of Israel:

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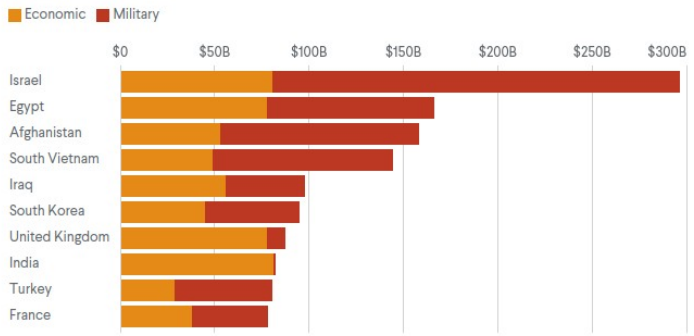
How much U.S. aid does Israel receive?

Israel has been the largest cumulative recipient of U.S. foreign aid since its founding, receiving about $300 billion (adjusted for inflation) in total economic and military assistance. The United States has also provided large foreign aid packages to other Middle Eastern countries, particularly Egypt and Iraq, but Israel stands apart.

Israel Is the Largest Cumulative Recipient of U.S. Aid

Total aid from 1946 to 2023, by fiscal year (constant 2022 dollars)



Notes: Data for 2023 is partially reported. Aid to Israel includes missile defense starting in 2006. South Vietnam existed as a country until the end of the Vietnam War in 1975.

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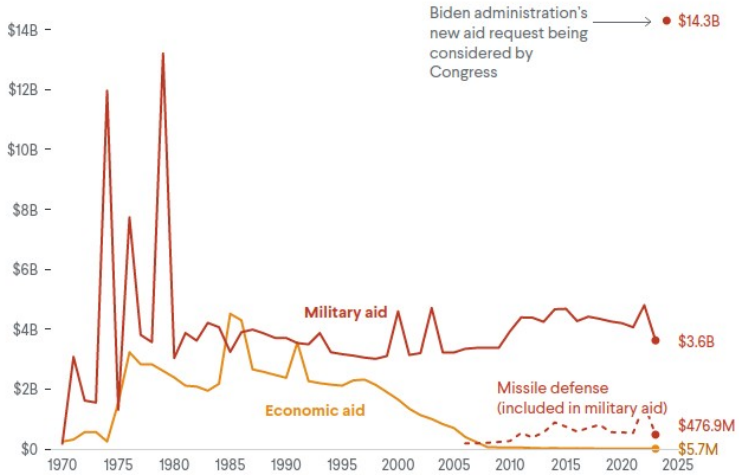

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APPLICATION OF THE CONVENTION ON THE PREVENTION AND PUNISHMENT OF THE CRIME OF GENOCIDE IN THE GAZA STRIP (SOUTH AFRICA v. ISRAEL):

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The Republic of South Africa institutes proceedings against the State of Israel and requests the Court to indicate provisional measures

THE HAGUE, 29 December 2023. South Africa today filed an application instituting proceedings against Israel before the International Court of Justice (ICJ), the principal judicial organ of the United Nations, concerning alleged violations by Israel of its obligations under the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (the "Genocide Convention") in relation to Palestinians in the Gaza Strip.

According to the Application, "acts and omissions by Israel . . . are genocidal in character, as they are committed with the requisite specific intent . . . to destroy Palestinians in Gaza as a part of the broader Palestinian national, racial and ethnical group" and that "the conduct of Israel — through its State organs, State agents, and other persons and entities acting on its instructions or under its direction, control or influence — in relation to Palestinians in Gaza, is in violation of its obligations under the Genocide Convention".

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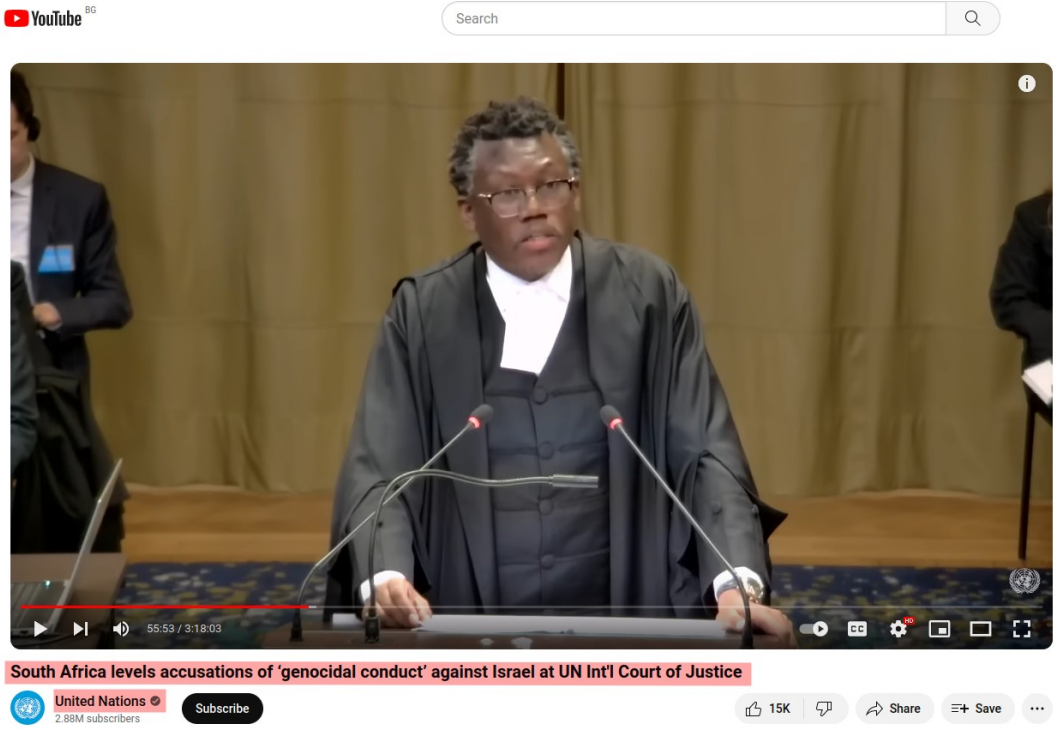

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Genocidal Intent of Israeli Government Officials:

— **Prime Minister of Israel**: On 7 October 2023, in a televised address by the Government Press Office, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu promised to "operate forcefully everywhere".[439] On 13 October 2023, he confirmed that "[w]e are striking our enemies with unprecedented might . . .".[440] On 15 October 2023, when Israeli airstrikes had already killed over 2,670 Palestinians, including 724 children,[441] the Prime Minister stated that Israeli soldiers "understand the scope of the mission" and stand ready "to defeat the bloodthirsty monsters who have risen against [Israel] to destroy us".[442] On 16 October 2023, in a formal address to the Israeli Knesset, he described situation as "a struggle between the children of light and the children of darkness, between humanity and the law of the jungle",[443] a dehumanising theme to which he returned on various occasions, including: on 3 November 2023, in a letter to Israeli soldiers and officers also published on the platform 'X' (formerly Twitter); the letter asserted that: "[t]his is the war between the sons of light and the sons of darkness. We will not let up on our mission until the light overcomes the darkness — the good will defeat the extreme evil that threatens us and the entire world."[444] The Israeli Prime Minister also returned to the theme in his 'Christmas message', stating: "we're facing monsters, monsters who murdered children in front of their parents . . . This is a battle not only of Israel against these barbarians, it's a battle of civilization against barbarism".[445] On 28 October 2023, as Israeli forces prepared their land invasion of Gaza, the Prime Minister invoked the Biblical story of the total destruction of Amalek by the Israelites, stating: "you must remember what Amalek has done to you, says our Holy Bible. And we do remember".[446] The Prime Minister referred again to Amalek in the letter sent on 3 November 2023 to Israeli soldiers and officers.[447] The relevant biblical passage reads as follows: "Now go, attack Amalek, and proscribe all that belongs to him. Spare no one, but kill alike men and women, infants and sucklings, oxen and sheep, camels and asses".[448]

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629. Taking into account the weapons used, and in particular the use of white phosphorous in and around *a hospital that the Israeli armed forces knew was not only dealing with scores of injured and wounded but also giving shelter to several hundred civilians*, the Mission finds, based on all the information available to it, that in directly striking the hospital and the ambulance depot the Israeli armed forces in these circumstances violated article 18 of the Fourth Geneva Convention and violated customary international law in relation to proportionality. . . .

D. Expressions of Genocidal Intent against the Palestinian People by Israeli State Officials and Others

101. Evidence of Israeli State officials' specific intent ('*dolus specialis*') to commit and persist in committing genocidal acts or to fail to prevent them has been significant and overt since October 2023. Those statements of intent — when combined with the level of killing, maiming, displacement and destruction on the ground, together with the siege — evidence an unfolding and continuing genocide. They include statements by the following individuals in the positions of the highest responsibility:

— **Israeli Minister of Defence**: On 9 October 2023, Defence Minister Yoav Gallant in an Israeli Army 'situation update' advised that Israel was "imposing a complete siege on Gaza. No electricity, no food, no water, no fuel. Everything is closed. We are fighting human animals and

we are acting accordingly."[452] He also informed troops on the Gaza border that he had "released all the restraints",[453] stating in terms that: "Gaza won't return to what it was before. We will eliminate everything. If it doesn't take one day, it will take a week. It will take weeks or even months, we will reach all places."[454] He further announced that Israel was moving to "a full-scale response" and that he had "removed every restriction" on Israeli forces.[455]

— **President of Israel**: On 12 October 2023, President Isaac Herzog made clear that Israel was not distinguishing between militants and civilians in Gaza, stating in a press conference to foreign media — in relation Palestinians in Gaza, over one million of whom are children: "It's an entire nation out there that is responsible. It's not true this rhetoric about civilians not aware not involved. It's absolutely not true. … and we will fight until we break their backbone."[449] On 15 October 2023, echoing the words of Prime Minister Netanyahu, the President told foreign media that "we will uproot evil so that there will be good for the entire region and the world."[450] The Israeli President is one of many Israelis to have handwritten 'messages' on bombs to be dropped on Gaza.[451]

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Quds News Network

A grieving Palestinian mother who lost her children in an Israeli airstrike in Gaza asks for her slain children to be covered with blankets to stay warm.

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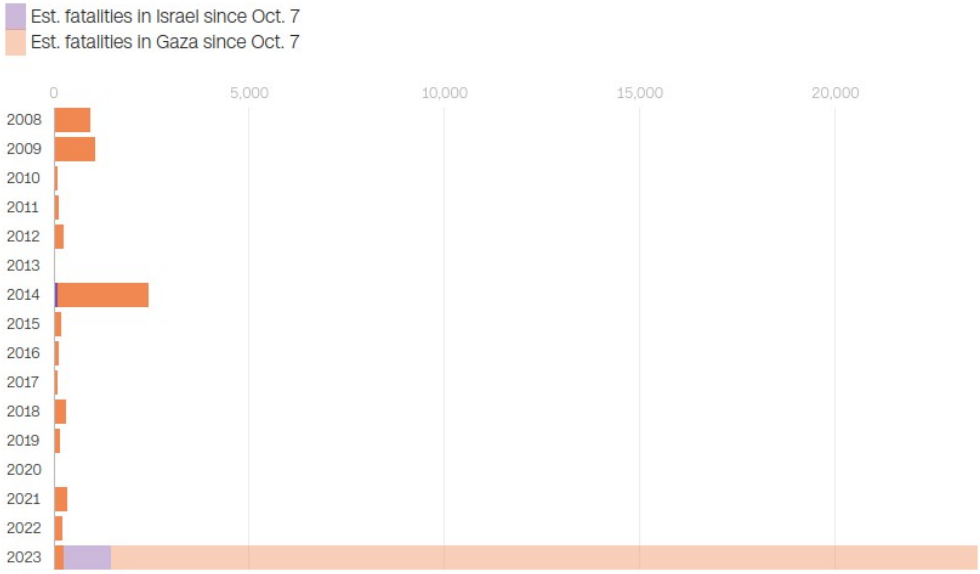
Death toll in Israeli-Palestinian conflicts over the last 15 years

The latest violence has caused more than **1,200** deaths in Israel and at least **22,185** in Gaza as of Jan. 2, according to auth both sides.

Annual Israeli and Palestinian fatalities



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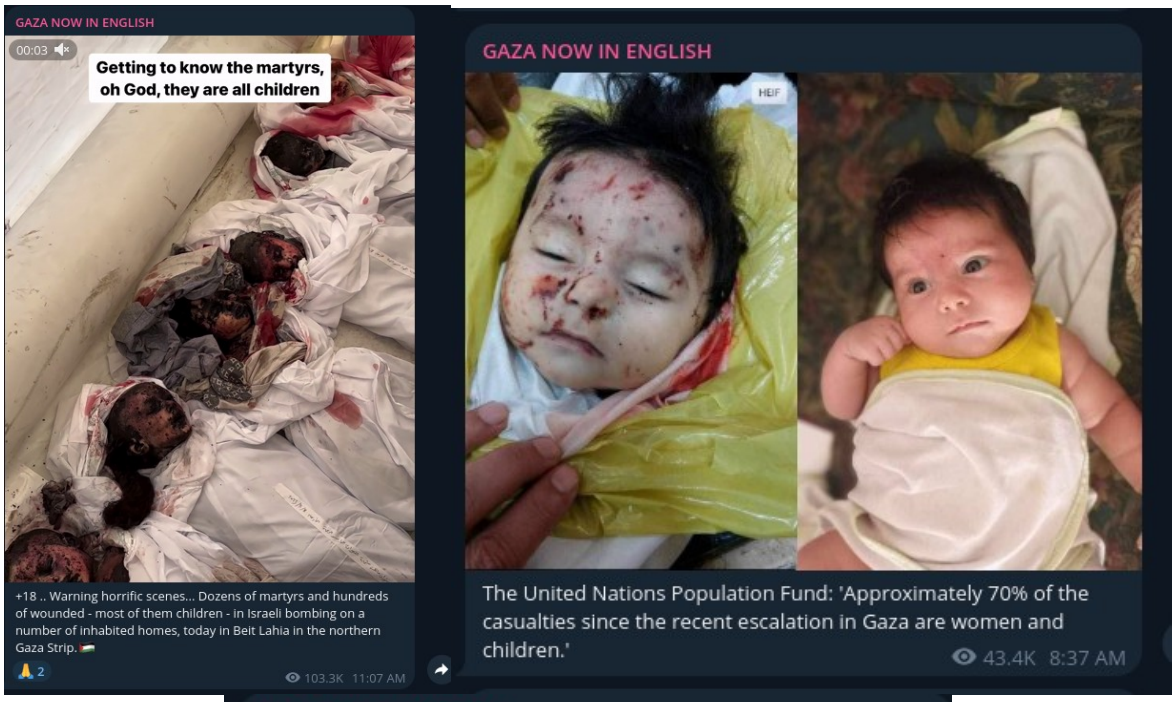

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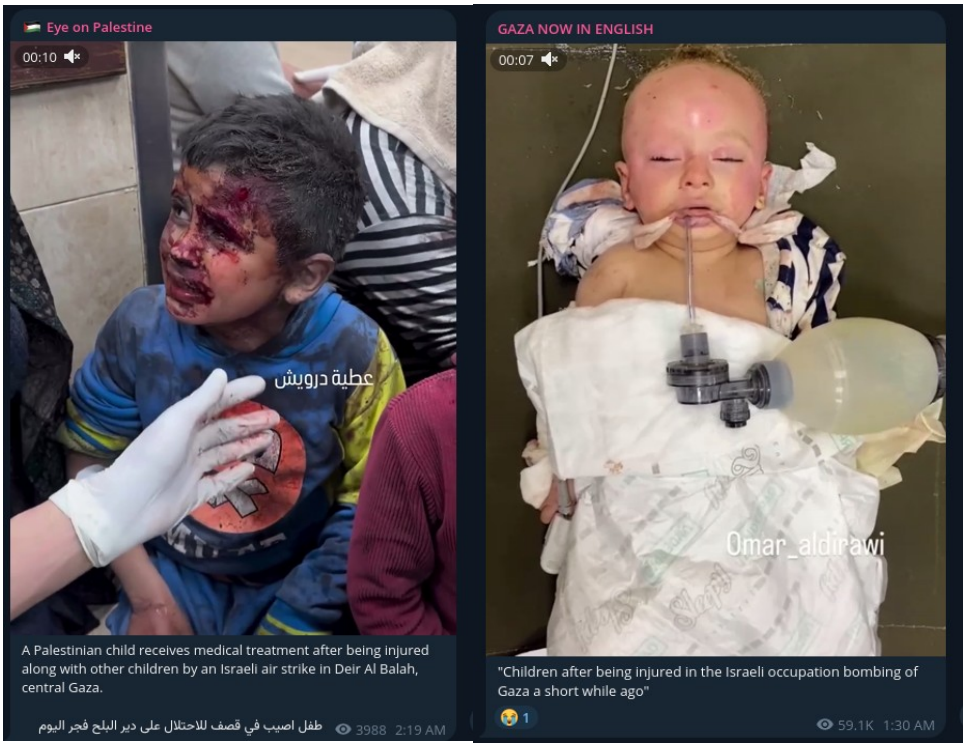

Eye on Palestine Telegram Channel: https://t.me/eyeonpal

— **Israeli Minister of Heritage**: On 1 November 2023, Amichai Eliyahu posted on Facebook: "The north of the Gaza Strip, more beautiful than ever. Everything is blown up and flattened, simply a pleasure for the eyes … We must talk about the day after. In my mind, we will hand over lots to all those who fought for Gaza over the years and to those evicted from Gush Katif" [a former Israeli settlement].[460] He later argued against humanitarian aid as "[w]e

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— **Israeli Army reservist "motivational speech"**: On 11 October 2023, 95-year old Israeli army reservist Ezra Yachin — a veteran of the Deir Yassin massacre during the 1948 Nakba — reportedly called up for reserve duty to "boost morale" amongst Israeli troops ahead of the ground invasion, was broadcast on social media inciting other soldiers to genocide as follows, while being driven around in an Israeli army vehicle, dressed in Israeli army fatigues:

> "Be triumphant and finish them off and don't leave anyone behind. *Erase the memory of them. Erase them, their families, mothers and children. These animals can no longer live* . . . Every Jew with a weapon should go out and kill them. If you have an Arab neighbour, don't wait, go to his home and shoot him . . . We want to invade, not like before, we want to enter and *destroy what's in front of us, and destroy houses, then destroy the one after it.* With all of our forces, *complete destruction*, enter and destroy. As you can see, we will witness things we've never dreamed of. Let them drop bombs on them and erase them."[477]

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Israel should make Gaza look like Auschwitz museum - council head

David Azoulai, head of the Metula Council, proposed sending all Gazans to refugee camps in Lebanon and flattening the whole Strip so it becomes an empty museum like Auschwitz.

By 103FM

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Fire burns in Gaza, amid the ongoing conflict between Israel and the Palestinian Islamist group Hamas, as seen from southern Israel, December 15, 2023. (photo credit: CLODAGH KILCOYNE/REUTERS)

"Tell everyone in Gaza to go to the beaches. Navy ships should load the terrorists onto the shores of Lebanon. The entire Gaza Strip should be emptied and leveled flat, just like in Auschwitz. Let it become a museum, showcasing the capabilities of the State of Israel and dissuading anyone from living in the Gaza Strip. This is what must be done To give them a visual representation.

https://www.jpost.com/israel-hamas-war/article-778367

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When Genocide is Permissible

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Judging by the numbers of casualties on both sides in this almost one-month old war one would be led to the conclusion that Israel has resorted to disproportionate means in fighting a far less-capable enemy. That is as far as what meets the eye. But, it's now obvious that the US and the UN are completely out of touch with the nature of this foe and are therefore not qualified to dictate or enforce the rules of this war – because when it comes to terror there is much more than meets the eye.

I wasn't aware of this, but it seems that the nature of warfare has

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BY LAZAR BERMAN, ILAN BEN ZION AND RICKY BEN-DAVID

- IDF searches for officer kidnapped in Rafah attack that also killed 2 soldiers
- Hadar Goldin, IDF officer kidnapped in Gaza, is engaged to be married
- Palestinian delegation still headed to Cairo for truce talks

A screen grab showing an article entitled "When Genocide is Permissable" on The Times of Israel website. The piece has since been deleted. *(Twitter/MazMHussain)*

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Israel-Gaza conflict: 'When Genocide is Permissible' article removed from The Times of Israel website

The post by Yochanan Gordon argued that Hamas must be "completely obliterated"

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An Israeli newspaper appeared to attempt to avert a backlash on Friday evening, when it removed a post entitled 'When Genocide is Permissible' from its website less than a minute after it was uploaded.

The post, made live on *The Times of Israel* website at 5:36pm, was written by Yochanan Gordon regarding Israel's current offensive in Gaza.

https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/middle-east/israelgaza-conflict-when-genocide-is-permissible-article-removed-from-the-times-of-israel-website-9643888.html

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جامعتي المدمرة .. الجامعة الإسلامية منارة علمية دمرتها وأحرقتها
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Nothing has been spared in Gaza; the occupation destroyed everything, including schools, universities, mosques, clinics, churches, hospitals, homes, and towers. This is how the Israeli occupation transformed the Islamic University, one of the oldest universities in the Gaza Strip
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A shocking video of children in Kamal Odwan hospital - Northen Gaza, suffering of Malnutrition due to the israeli siege and war.
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69. Language calling for the elimination of large segments of Palestinians from Gaza was echoed by elected officials. Ariel Kallner, a Member of the Knesset and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's Likud, stated: "Right now, one goal: Nakba! A Nakba that will overshadow the Nakba of 48. Nakba in Gaza and Nakba to anyone who dares to join!" Israeli Member of the Knesset Haim Katz stated: "We need to deal a blow that hasn't been seen in 50 years and take down Gaza."

70. Immediately following these statements, Israeli forces launched airstrikes targeting and destroying houses and multi-story buildings with residential units in Gaza.

71. Within the first day, Israel had killed at least 232 Palestinians, injured almost 1,700 others, and displaced at least 20,000.

B. Israeli Officials Expand Calls for Collective Punishment of "Human Animals," Implement Use of Starvation and Dehydration as a Weapon of Warfare.

72. On October 9, Israeli Minister of Defense Yoav Gallant referred to the Palestinian population in Gaza as "human animals" and expanded on previous calls for collective punishment through conditions that would cause serious physical harm, if not death, to Palestinians in Gaza. He announced: "I have ordered a complete siege on the Gaza Strip. There will be no electricity, no food, no fuel, everything is closed," and "We are fighting human animals and we are acting accordingly." As reported by the UN, the Minister also threatened to "bomb those attempting to provide humanitarian aid to the Gaza Strip."

73. That same day, Israel bombed the Rafah crossing at the Gaza-Egyptian border, damaging the crossing and blockading Palestinians – from movement or supplies – in Gaza.

74. On October 10, Israel Defense Forces (IDF) spokesperson Daniel Hagari announced that the Israeli military had already dropped "hundreds of tons of bombs," adding that "the emphasis is on damage and not on accuracy." Israeli Major General Ghassan Alian, the head of the Coordinator of Government Activities in the Territories ("COGAT"), explicitly stated the intention to destroy Palestinian life in Gaza: "Human animals must be treated as such. There will be no electricity and no water [in Gaza], there will only be destruction. You wanted hell, you will get hell."

Genocidal Intent of Israeli Civilians

'Kill them all': inside the Israeli blockade on Gaza aid

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Israeli Military Doctrine- Denial of Humanitarian Aid to Children & Babies, Targeting of Schools & Hospitals:

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— **Israeli Army Reservist Major General, former Head of the Israeli National Security Council, and adviser to the Defence Minister**:[466] On 7 October 2023, Giora Eiland, describing the Israeli order to cut off water and electricity to Gaza, wrote in an online journal: "This is what Israel has begun to do — we cut the supply of energy, water and diesel to the Strip . . . But it's not enough. In order to make the siege effective, we have to prevent others from giving assistance to Gaza . . . *The people should be told that they have two choices; to stay and to starve, or to leave*. If Egypt and other countries prefer that these people will perish in Gaza, this is their choice."[467] On the same day, he asserted in a national newspaper that "[w]hen you are at war with another country you don't feed them, you don't provide them electricity or gas or water or anything else . . . *A country can be attacked in a much broader way, to bring the country to the brink of dysfunction. This is the necessary outcome of events"* in Gaza.[468] He has repeatedly asserted the benefits for Israel of the creation of a humanitarian crisis in Gaza, stating that "*Israel has no interest in the Gaza Strip being rehabilitated* and this is an important point that needs to be made clear to the Americans",[469] and that "[i]f we ever want to see the hostages alive, the only way is to create a *severe humanitarian crisis in Gaza*".[470] He has indicated that water should be targeted, noting that water in Gaza "comes from wells with salt water unfit for consumption. They have water treatment plants, Israel should hit those plants. When the entire world says we have gone insane and this is a humanitarian disaster — we will say, it's not an end, it's a means."[471] In a Times radio interview on 12 October 2023, he reiterated the army should:

> "[C]reate such a huge pressure on Gaza, that Gaza will become an area where people cannot live. People cannot live, until Hamas is destroyed, which means that Israel not only stops to supply energy, diesel, water, food … as we did in the last twenty years … but we should prevent any possible assistance by others, and to create in Gaza such a terrible, unbearable situation, that can last weeks and months".[472]

Giora Eiland has repeatedly been given a media platform to call for Gaza to be made uninhabitable, declaring "*the State of Israel has no choice but to make Gaza a place that is temporarily, or permanently, impossible to live in.*"[473] In an interview on 6 November 2023, he suggested that, "if there is an intention for a military action at Shifa [Hospital], which I think is inescapable, I hope that the head of the CIA got an explanation of why this is necessary, and why *the US must ultimately back even an operation like this, even if there are thousands of bodies of civilians in the streets afterward*."[474] Further he proposed that "Israel needs to create a humanitarian crisis in Gaza, compelling tens of thousands or even hundreds of thousands to seek refuge in Egypt or the Gulf . . . *Gaza will become a place where no human being can exist.*"[475] Echoing the words of President Herzog, he has repeatedly underscored that there should be no distinction between Hamas combatants and Palestinian civilians, saying:

> "Who are the 'poor' women of Gaza? *They are all the mothers, sisters or wives of Hamas murderers*. On the one hand, they are part of the infrastructure that supports the organization, and on the other hand, if they experience a humanitarian disaster, then it can be assumed that some of the Hamas fighters and the more junior commanders will begin to understand that the war is futile . . . The international community warns us of a humanitarian disaster in Gaza and of severe epidemics. We must not shy away from this, as difficult as that may be. After all, *severe epidemics in the south of the Gaza Strip will bring victory closer* . . . It is *precisely its civil collapse that will bring the end of the war closer*. When senior Israeli figures say in the media 'It's either us or them' we should clarify the question of who is 'them'. 'They' are not only Hamas fighters with weapons, but also *all the 'civilian' officials, including hospital administrators and school administrators, and also the entire Gaza population* who enthusiastically supported Hamas and cheered on its atrocities on October 7th."[476]

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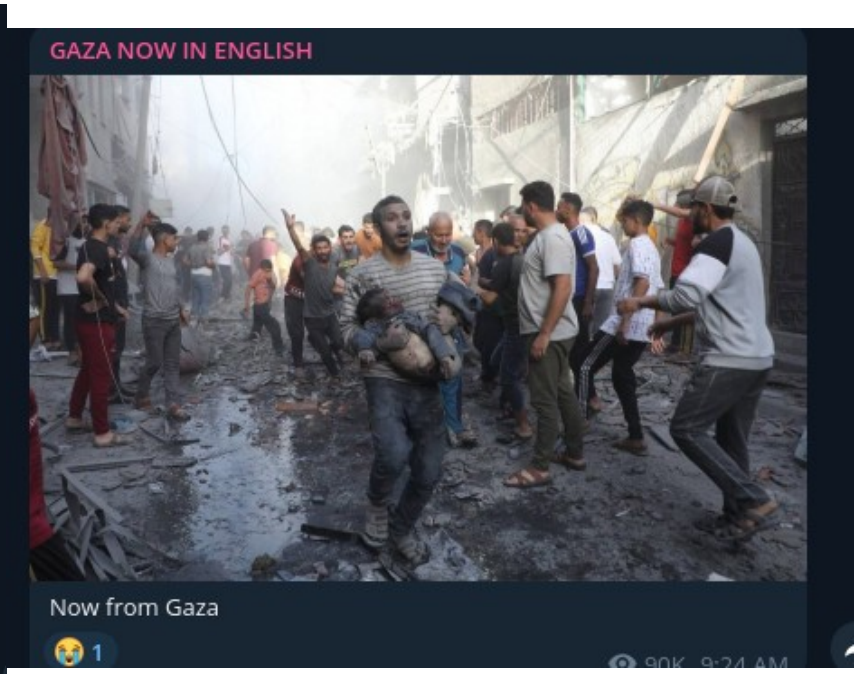

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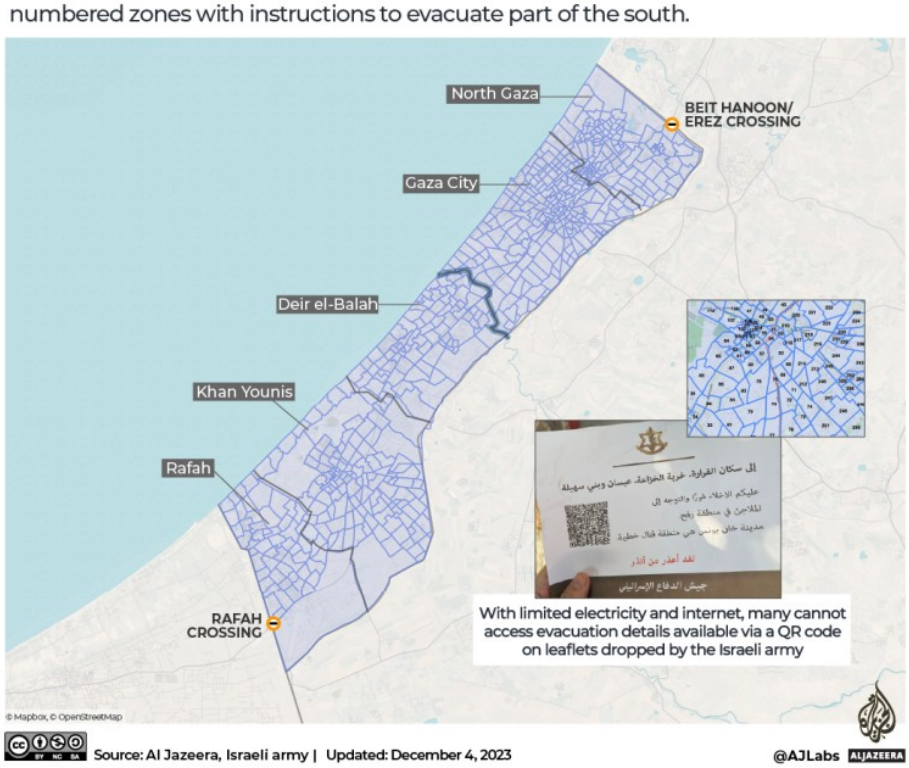
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Gaza City
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With limited electricity and internet, many cannot access evacuation details available via a QR code on leaflets dropped by the Israeli army
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— On 28 October 2023, **the Director of the New York Office of the High Commissioner of Human Rights** ('OHCHR') stepped down, after penning a widely reported resignation statement describing the situation in Gaza as a "*text-book case of genocide*".[509]

— On 2 November 2023, **eight Special Rapporteurs** warned that they "remain convinced that *the Palestinian people are at grave risk of genocide*." The experts stated that "[t]he time for action is now", underscoring that "Israel's allies also bear responsibility and must act now to prevent its disastrous course of action".[510]

— On 16 November 2023, **15 United Nations Special Rapporteurs and 21 members of United Nations Working Groups** cautioned that "[g]rave violations committed by Israel against Palestinians in the aftermath of 7 October, particularly in Gaza, point to *a genocide in the making*". The statement highlights "evidence of *increasing genocidal incitement*, *overt intent to "destroy the Palestinian people under occupation"*, loud calls for a 'second Nakba' in Gaza and the rest of the occupied Palestinian territory, and the use of powerful weaponry with inherently indiscriminate impacts, resulting in a colossal death toll and destruction of life-sustaining infrastructure". The experts expressed "profound … concern … about … the *failure of the international system to mobilise to prevent genocide*", cautioning that "[t]he failure to urgently implement a ceasefire risks this situation spiralling towards *a genocide conducted with 21st century means and methods of warfare*"; they called on "[t]he international community, including not only States but also non-State actors" to "do everything it can to *immediately end the risk of genocide against the Palestinian people*".[511]

— On 20 November 2023, the **United Nations Special Rapporteur on violence against women and girls, its causes and consequences,** issued a statement warning that "[s]ince 7 October, the assault on Palestinian women's dignity and rights has taken on new and terrifying dimensions, as thousands have become victims of war crimes, crimes against humanity and an *unfolding genocide*". The Special Rapporteur "expressed alarm at the *genocidal and dehumanising rhetoric about the Palestinian people*, including women and children, by top Israeli Government officials and public figures calling them "children of darkness"". The Special Rapporteur referred to the description of Palestinians as 'human animals' and the calls for a 'second Nakba' by Israeli officials, cautioning that "[s]uch *statements make the Israeli Government's intention to destroy the Palestinian people, in whole or in part, absolutely and consistently clear*".[512]

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Summary Execution of Children by Israeli Army

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In a week, Israeli army executes 13 children in and near Al-Shifa Hospital

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Palestinian Territory - In blatant violation of international law, particularly international humanitarian law, the Israeli army has executed 13 children by direct shooting in Al-Shifa Medical Complex and its Gaza City environs. This is a war crime and a crime against humanity, and is part of the genocide that the Palestinian people in the Gaza Strip having been experiencing for the past six months.

For over a week now, the Israeli army has been conducting systematic and horrifying military operations inside and around Al-Shifa Medical Complex. These crimes include extrajudicial executions and deliberate killings of Palestinian civilians. The Euro-Med Human Rights Monitor field team has received identical testimonies about the killings and executions of Palestinian children between the ages of four and 16.

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UN told of Israeli army summary killings, grenade attack on baby in Gaza

The UN human rights office said at least 11 unarmed Palestinians were allegedly killed in front of family members in Gaza City.

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The alleged summary killings by the Israeli army took place in Gaza City [Momen Faiz/NurPhoto/Getty]

The UN human rights office has said it received "disturbing information" alleging the Israeli army summarily executed at least 11 unarmed Palestinians.

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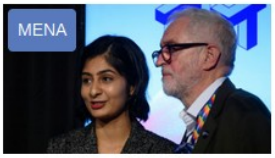

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Genocidal Intent: Israeli Think Tank Blueprints Genocide

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Zionist think tank publishes blueprint for Palestinian genocide

KIT KLARENBERG · OCTOBER 24, 2023

As Israel's carpet bombing of Gaza entered its third week, leaving over 5000 dead and at least one million residents displaced, a Tel Aviv-based think tank published a blueprint for self-proclaimed Jewish state's final solution.

In a white paper released over a week after the Hamas-led surprise attack on Israeli military bases and kibbutzes, The Institute for National Security and Zionist Strategy outlined "a plan for resettlement and final rehabilitation in Egypt of the entire population of Gaza," based on the "unique and rare opportunity to evacuate the entire Gaza Strip" that Israel's latest assault on the besieged costal enclave provided.

Published in Hebrew on the organization's website, the paper was authored by Amir Weitman, "an investment manager and visiting researcher" at the Institute who also leads the libertarian caucus of Israel's ruling Likud Party. The document began by noting that there are 10 million vacant housing units in neighboring Egypt that could be "immediately" filled with Palestinians. Weitman then assured readers that the "sustainable plan…aligns well with the economic and geopolitical interests of the State of Israel, Egypt, the USA and Saudi Arabia."

Weitman's ethnic cleansing proposal echoes forced transfer plans advanced in recent days by former Israeli officials while capitalizing on evacuation orders delivered to the entire civilian population of northern Gaza by the Israeli military.

"These sums of money [required to cleanse Gaza] in relation to the Israeli economy, are minimal," Weitman posits. "Investing individual billions of dollars to solve this difficult issue is an innovative, cheap and sustainable solution."

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Arnon Sofer is an academic who helped devise Israel's siege of Gaza to engineer a one-way peace

Sofer said, "If we want to remain alive, we have to kill and kill and kill, all day, every day. If we don't kill, we will cease to exist."

I explain the logic of the siege (2013)

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ISRAEL forced medical staff to evacuate Nasser Hospital in Gaza and left premature babies to die & decompose.
Infants found dead and decomposing in evacuated hospital ICU in Gaza. Here's what we know
By Allegra Goodwin, Jomana Karadsheh, Abeer Salman, Florence Davey-Attlee and Mihir Melwani, CNN
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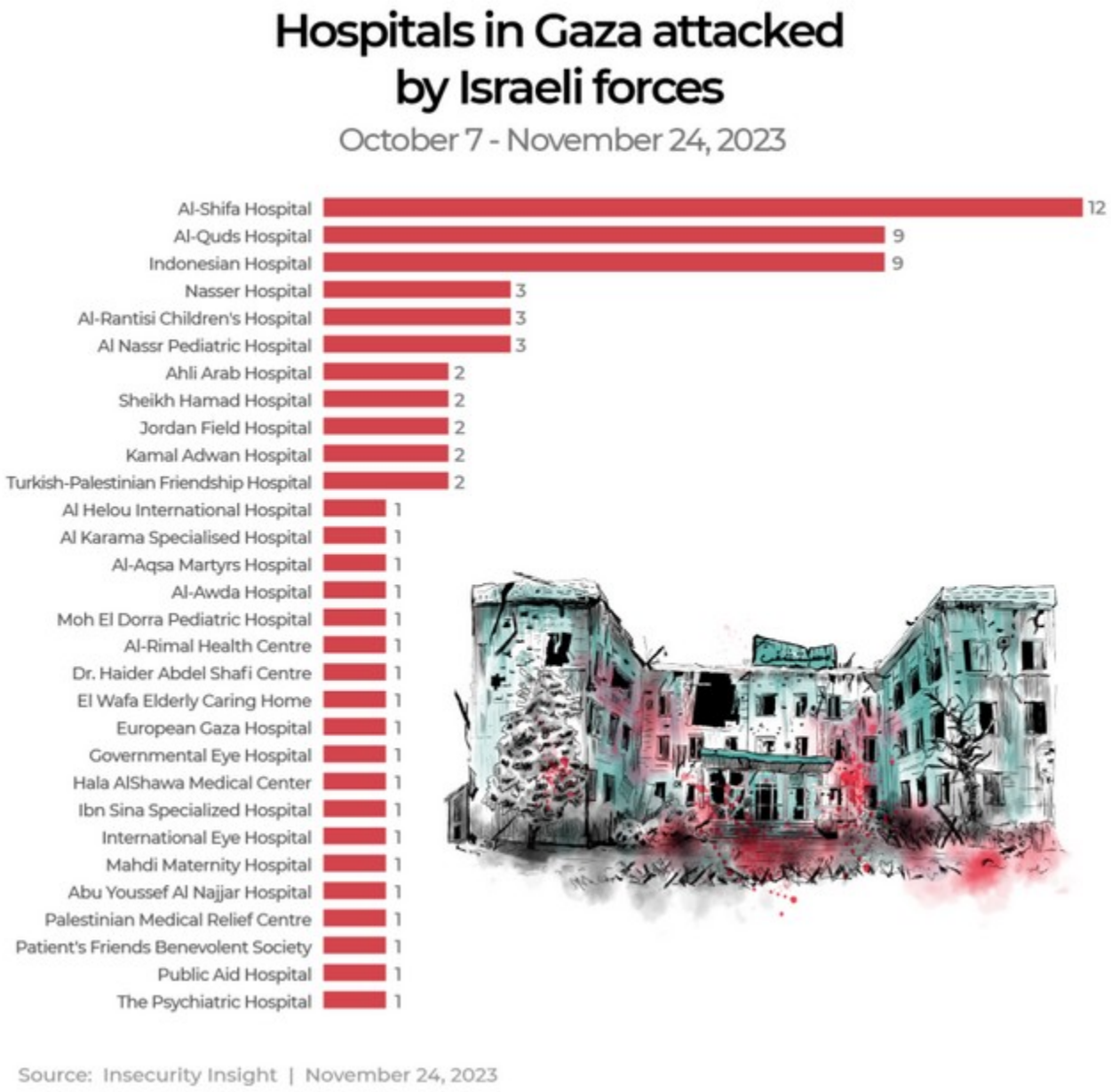

Motto of Israeli Soldiers: “May their village burn, may Gaza be erased. There are no uninvolved civilians.”

— **Israeli army soldiers**: Israeli soldiers in uniform have been filmed on 5 December 2023 dancing, chanting and singing “May their village burn, May Gaza be erased”;[482] and, two days later, on a separate occasion *inside Gaza* on 7 December 2023, dancing, singing and chanting, “we know our motto: *there are no uninvolved civilians*” and “*to wipe off the seed of Amalek*”.[483]

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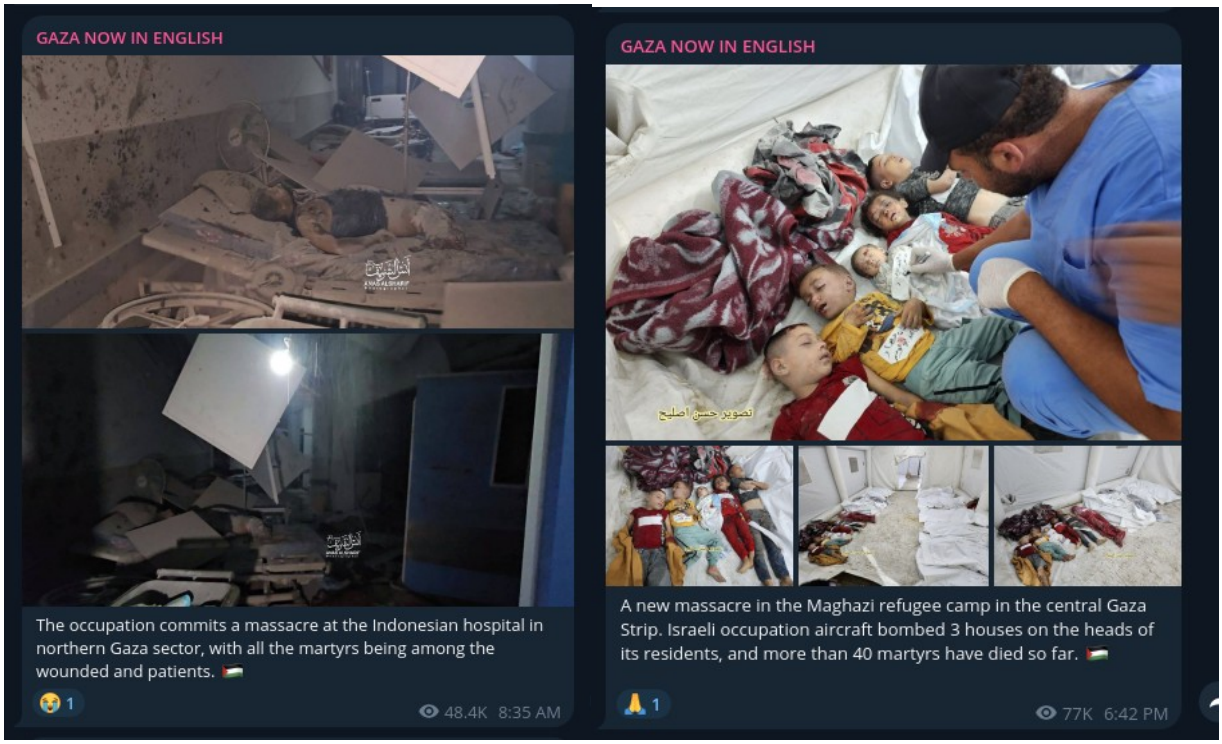

— On 19 October 2023, **nine United Nations Special Rapporteurs** sounded "the alarm", warning that "[t]here is an ongoing campaign by Israel resulting in crimes against humanity in Gaza. Considering statements made by Israeli political leaders and their allies, accompanied by military action in Gaza and escalation of arrests and killing in the West Bank, there is also a *risk of genocide against the Palestine People*."[507]

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Specific Targeting of Civilians by IDF:

and Tunisia,[28] have also referred to genocide or the risk thereof in Gaza; as have heads of State and State officials from non-State parties to the Genocide Convention, including Qatar[29] and Mauritania.[30] Speaking on behalf of the 'Arab Group' at the 9498th meeting of the United Nations Security Council on 8 December 2023, ahead of the United Nations Security Council vote on a ceasefire, Egypt's representative stated that the "[c]ivilian fatalities [in Gaza] lay bare the lie that the war is against an armed group. Rather, it is a collective punishment and *genocide against the Palestinian people* […] Citing "the extensive destruction of civilian infrastructure and the targeting of United Nations staff members", he stated that "the forcible displacement of 85 per cent of Gaza's people, living in dire circumstances, represents . . . *an effort to eliminate the Palestinian people*."[31]

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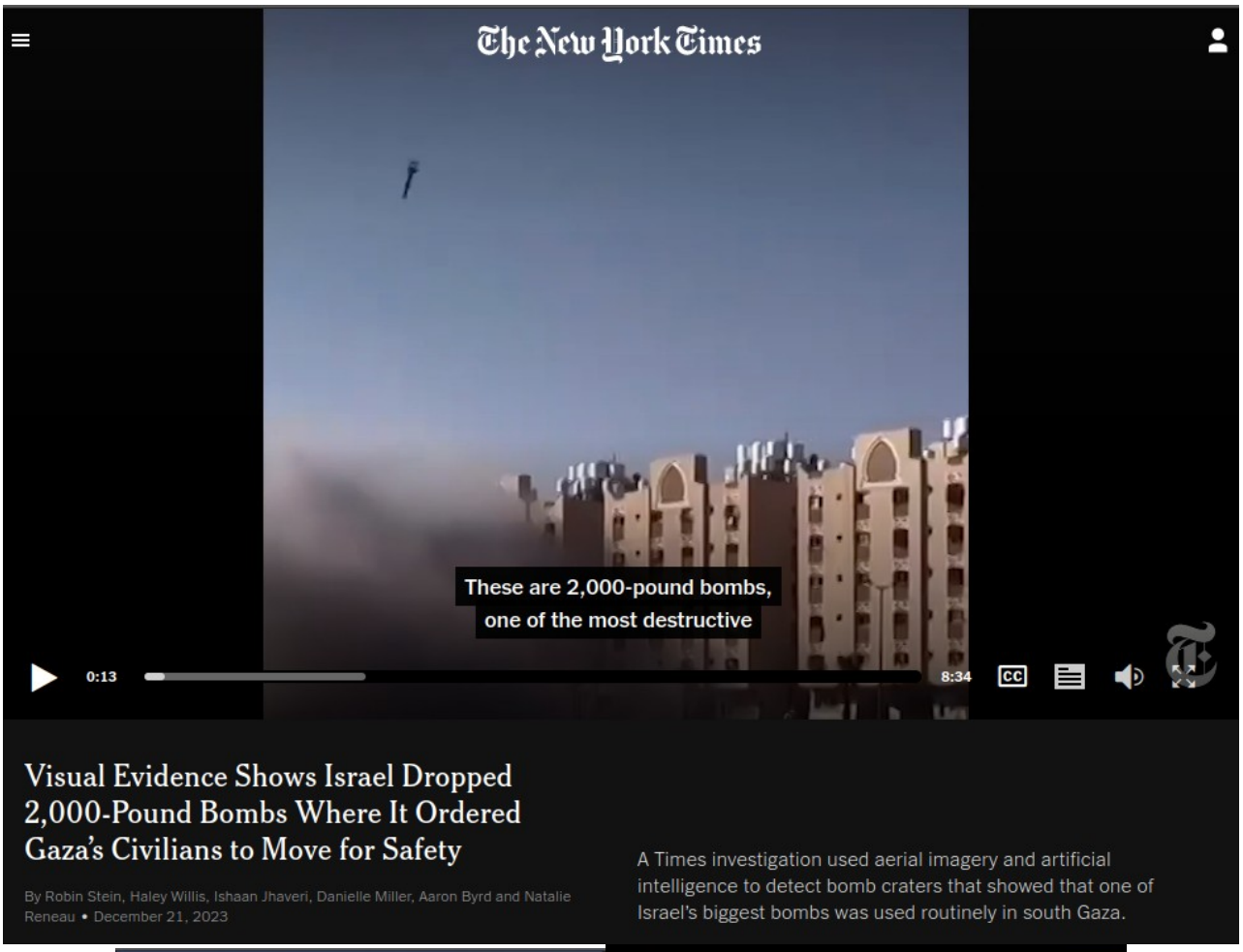

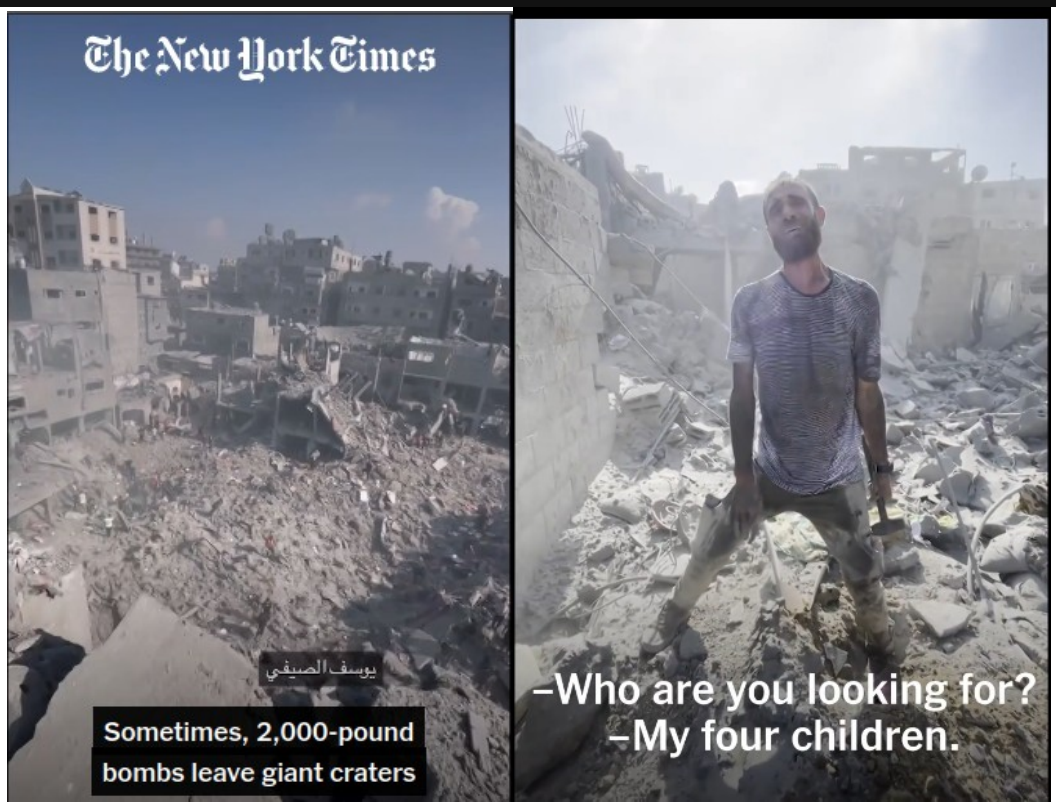

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Israeli Extermination Areas:

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Testimony: This is how IDF soldiers shoot anyone who enters the "extermination areas" in the Gaza Strip

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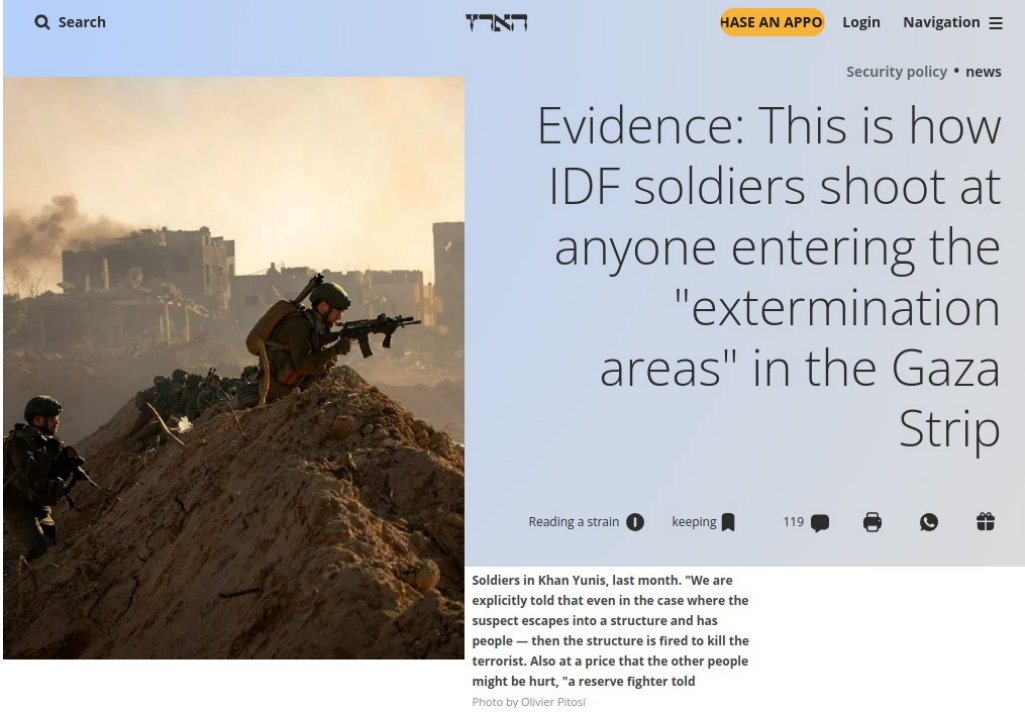

Their remarks indicate that the definition on this subject is highly interpreted. It is inevitable that Palestinians who have never touched weapons have also been raised with their deaths to the rank of "terrorist" — at least according to the IDF. "A terrorist, in the population," says a reserve officer who served in the Strip, "is ."anyone the IDF killed in the combat space of power

In the heart of the extermination area

Fighting space is a key term. This is an area where power is located, usually in an abandoned house, and the areas around it become a kind of closed military territory, but without any noticeable marking. Another terminology for these areas is "extermination areas". "In every combat space, the commanders define extermination areas," explains the reserve officer. "This means clear red lines that no one — who is not part of the IDF forces — should enter their field, so as ."not to allow forces to be damaged on the spot

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Breaking | According to a senior Israeli officer, speaking to an Israeli media outlet about the footage released by Al Jazeera depicting the executions of Palestinians in Gaza, the officer stated that the youths were unarmed and did not pose any threat to Israeli forces.

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"May it explode in innocent people."

This is what the Hebrew text written on the shell reads.

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Genocidal Intent: Mowing the Lawn

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Bennett implies IDF should 'mow the lawn' in Gaza

In remarks made at annual security conference hosted in IDC Herzliya college, Bayit Yehudi leader warns that failure to deal with Hamas today, as Israel seeks to 'buy time' in pursuit of ceasefire talks, means meeting 'an even bigger enemy' later.

Roi Rubinstein | Published: 09.04.18 , 21:58

Bayit Yehudi leader Naftali Bennett implied on Tuesday that Israel must "mow the lawn" in Gaza, employing a common metaphor used in reference to stopping attacks on Israel from the Hamas-ruled strip.

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"In the media there is an acute dispute about two approaches—cutting all connection with the enemy or continuing contact and long-term security," Bennett said in a speech delivered at the annual International Institute for Counter-Terrorism Conference in Herzliya.

"In our neighborhood, those who don't mow the lawn, are mowed by the grass," the education minister said at the opening of his remarks.

Minister Naftali Bennett (Photo: Motti Kimchi)

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6 Year Old Girl 911 Call Used As Bait To Kill Red Cross Medics With IDF Tank

Palestine Red Crescent Society

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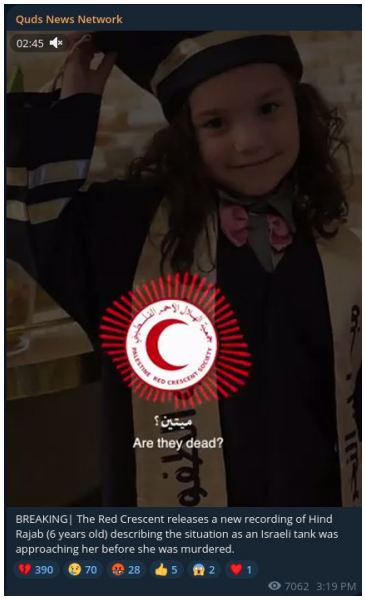

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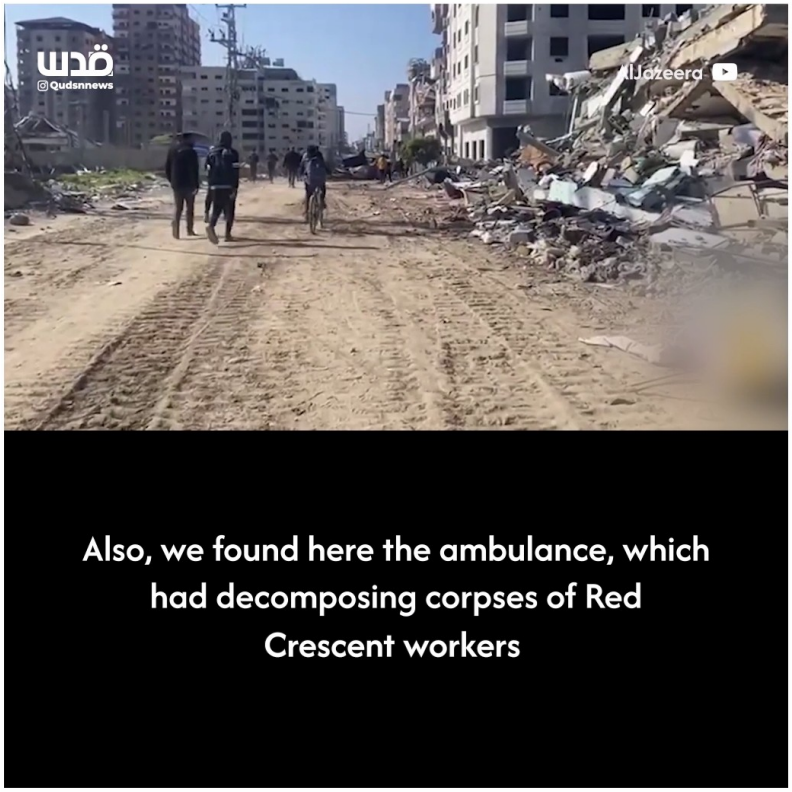

The wreckage of the ambulance that came to save 6-year-old Hind Rajab, the little Palestinian girl who begged Gaza rescuers to help her after she was trapped by Israeli army fire. Gaza, February 10, 2024. REUTERS

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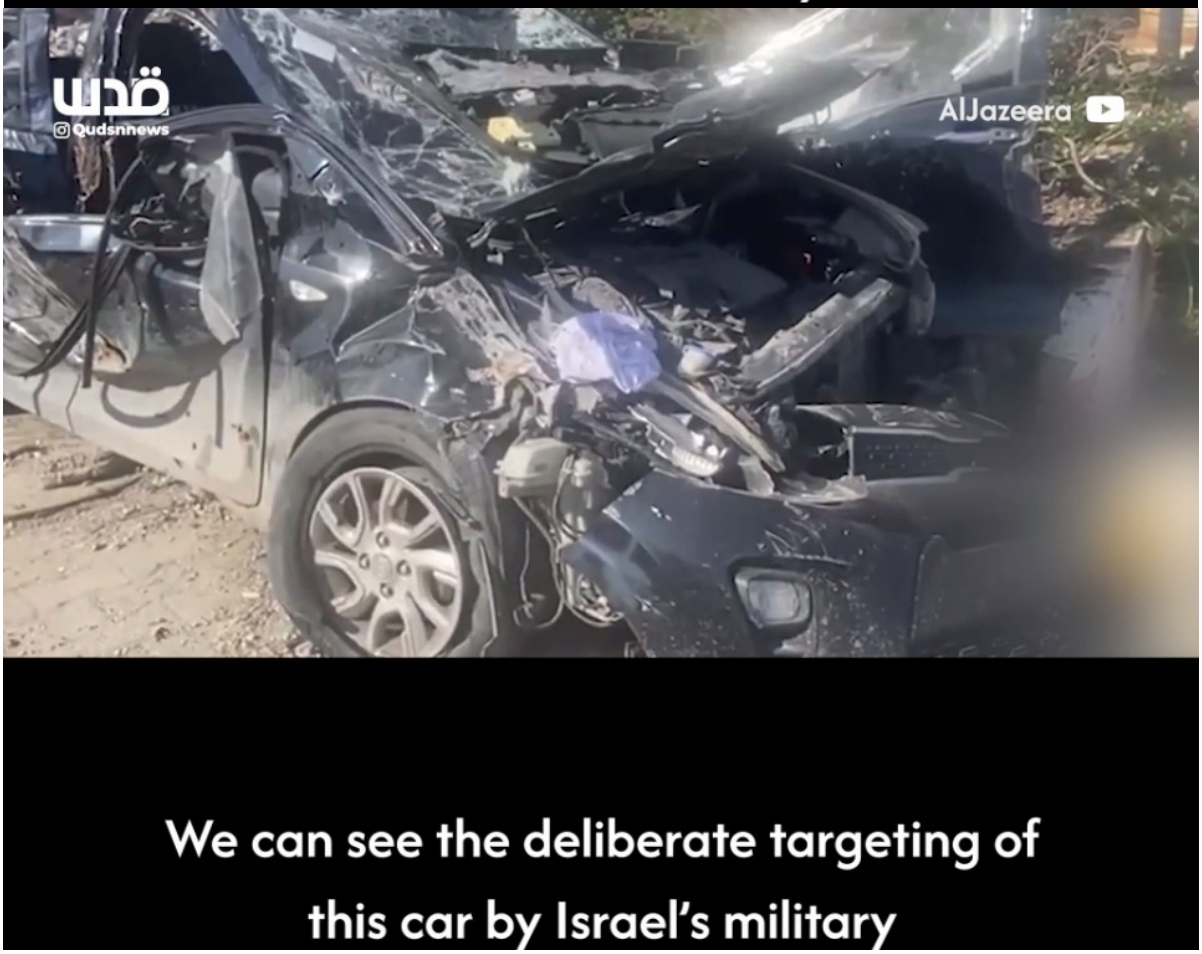
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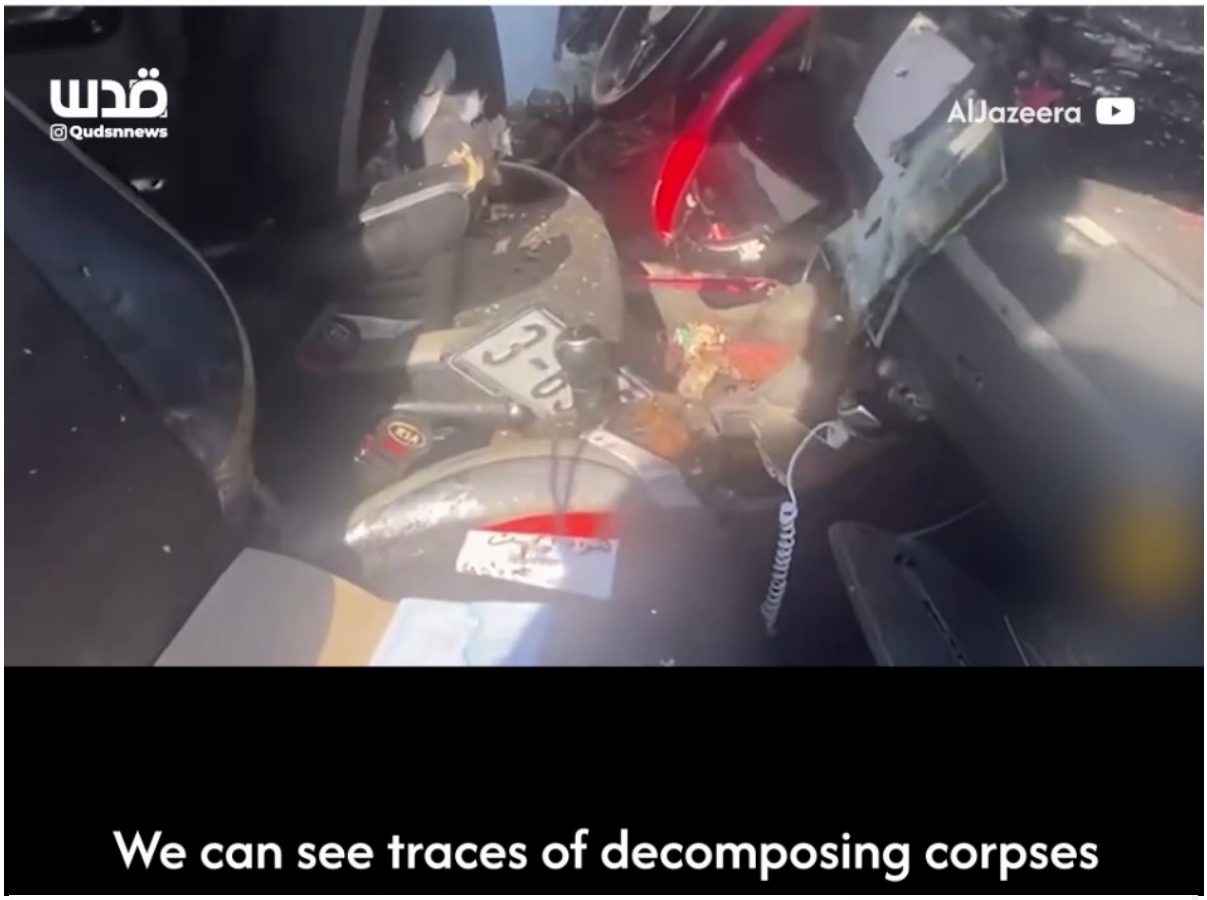
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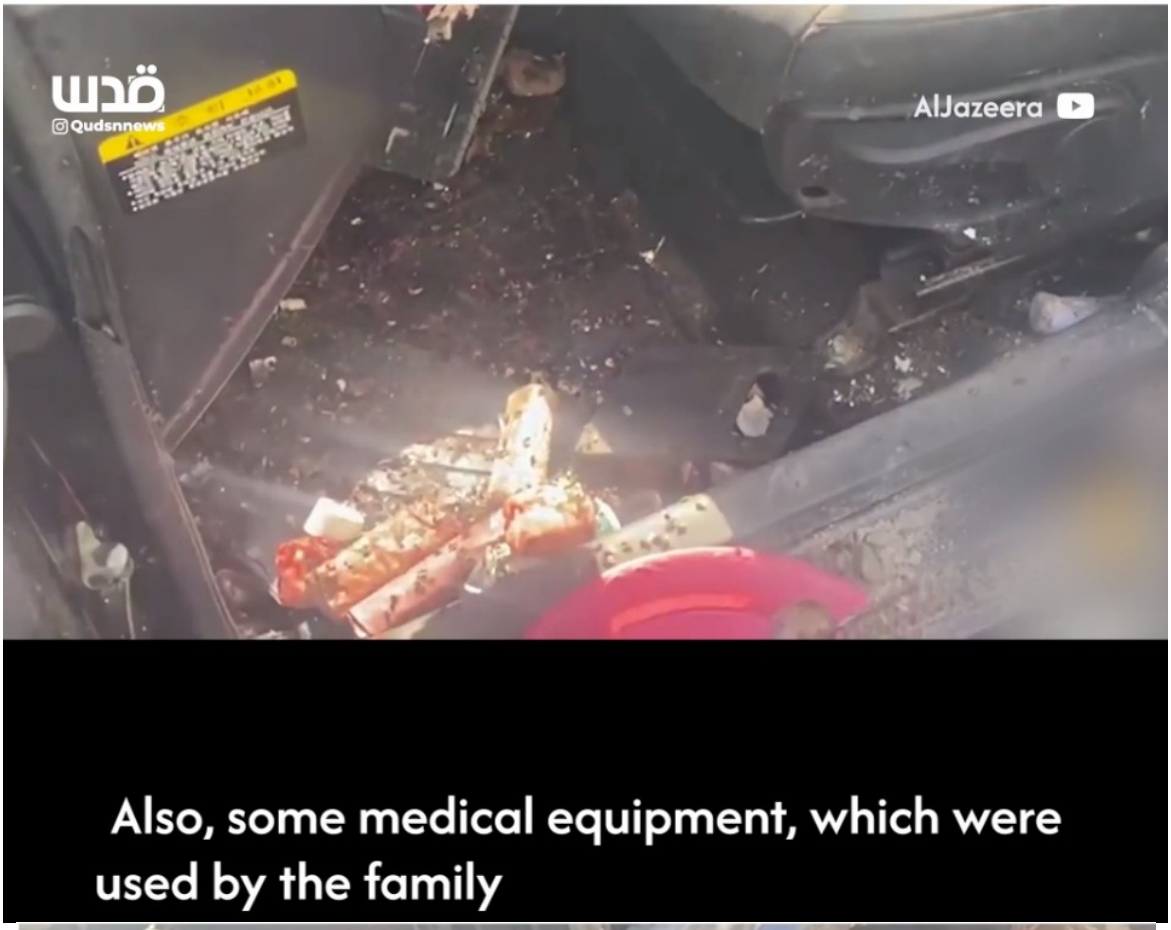
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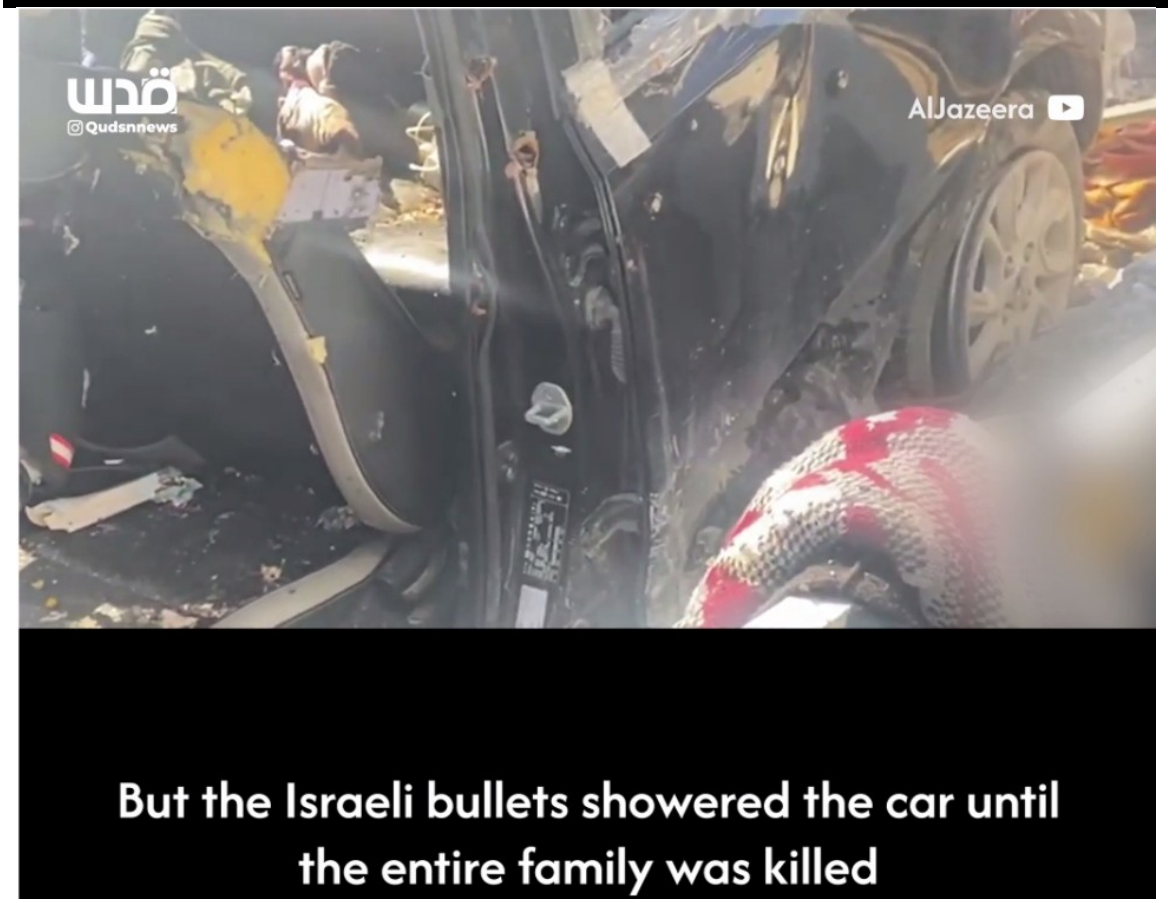
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But the Israeli bullets showered the car until the entire family was killed

Five-year-old Palestinian girl found dead after being trapped in car under Israeli fire

By Abeer Salman and Khader Al Za'anoun, CNN

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(CNN) — A 5-year-old Palestinian girl who was trapped in a car with her dead relatives after it came under Israeli fire in Gaza last month has been found dead.

On January 29, Hind Rajab had been traveling in a car with her uncle, his wife and their four children, fleeing fighting in northern Gaza, when they came under Israeli fire, according to the Palestine Red Crescent Society (PRCS).

"The child [Hind Rajab] and everyone in the car were found killed by the Israeli Army near the Fares petrol station in the Tal Al-Hawa area, southwest of Gaza City, after about two weeks of her unknown fate due to the Israeli military operation in the area," according to Khader Al Za'anoun, a Palestinian journalist working for CNN who spoke to the child's grandfather.

The PRCS also confirmed the death of two ambulance workers dispatched to rescue the girl.

"The occupation deliberately targeted the Red Crescent crew despite obtaining prior coordination to allow the ambulance to reach the location to rescue the girl Hind," read the statement.

Soon after the incident, CNN gave the Israeli military details about the incident last Friday, including coordinates provided by the Palestine Red Crescent Society. In response, the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) said it was "unfamiliar with the incident described."

When contacted again by CNN, the IDF said they were "still looking into it."

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How 6-year-old Hind Rajab was killed as Palestinian Red Crescent tried to rescue her

The child's cry for help had been widely broadcast as she was trapped under Israeli fire. The Red Crescent accused Israel of 'deliberately' targeting the ambulance sent to rescue her.

The body of a six-year-old Palestinian girl, missing for 12 days after an Israeli tank targeted their family car in Gaza, has been found along with the bodies of two medics dispatched to look for them.

The Palestine Red Crescent Society (PRCS) and the family of the girl, Hind Rajab, confirmed on Saturday that all seven people inside the car were killed, with the Palestinian relief organisation saying it lost crew members Yusuf Zeino and Ahmed al-Madhoun in the Israeli attack on civilians in Gaza City.

"The occupation deliberately targeted the Red Crescent crew despite prior coordination to allow the ambulance to arrive at the site to rescue Hind," wrote the Palestine Red Crescent in a statement issued on Saturday, saying that its teams had coordinated the ambulance's movement with the Israeli army before it went on the mission. The Israeli military did not respond to *Le Monde*'s questions.

On January 29, Hind had been entrusted to the care of her uncle, who was fleeing Gaza by car with his wife and children, as their neighborhood was increasingly threatened by fighting. The little girl's mother and the rest of the siblings left on foot. The girl's cousin, Layan Hamada, 15, was the first to call for help. "They're shooting at us, the tank is right next to me!" she anxiously described to the Red Crescent switchboard. Apart from Hind, all the other passengers were already lying dead next to Layan. "Are you able to hide?" the rescue worker asked. Layan replied that she was in the car, then suddenly screamed. Heavy gunfire was heard. The teenager had just been killed.

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Israeli Police Branding Palestinians with Star of David

A photo released by the Israeli police showing injuries to Arwa Sheikh Ali, a Palestinian who was arrested last week.
Israeli Police

The New York Times

Palestinian Man's Lawyers Say Israeli Police Marked Him With Star of David

Photos of Arwa Sheikh Ali's cheek after his arrest showed wounds including triangular marks and lines. The police denied the accusations and said the shapes had been made by an officer's shoelaces.

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APPLICATION OF THE CONVENTION ON THE PREVENTION AND PUNISHMENT OF THE CRIME OF GENOCIDE IN THE GAZA STRIP

(SOUTH AFRICA *v.* ISRAEL)

REQUEST FOR THE INDICATION OF PROVISIONAL MEASURES

ORDER

Present: *President* DONOGHUE; *Vice-President* GEVORGIAN; *Judges* TOMKA, ABRAHAM, BENNOUNA, YUSUF, XUE, SEBUTINDE, BHANDARI, ROBINSON, SALAM, IWASAWA, NOLTE, CHARLESWORTH, BRANT; *Judges* ad hoc BARAK, MOSENEKE; *Registrar* GAUTIER.

38. South Africa submits that the evidence before the Court "shows incontrovertibly a pattern of conduct and related intention that justifies a plausible claim of genocidal acts". It alleges, in particular, the commission of the following acts with genocidal intent: killing, causing serious bodily and mental harm, inflicting on the group conditions of life calculated to bring about its physical destruction in whole or in part, and imposing measures intended to prevent births within the group. According to South Africa, genocidal intent is evident from the way in which Israel's military attack is being conducted, from the clear pattern of conduct of Israel in Gaza and from the statements made by Israeli officials in relation to the military operation in the Gaza Strip. The Applicant also contends that "[t]he intentional failure of the Government of Israel to condemn, prevent and punish such genocidal incitement constitutes in itself a grave violation of the Genocide Convention".

(6) The State of Israel shall, in relation to Palestinians, ensure that its military, as well as any irregular armed units or individuals which may be directed, supported or otherwise influenced by it and any organizations and persons which may be subject to its control, direction or influence, do not commit any acts described in (4) and (5) above, or engage in direct and public incitement to commit genocide, conspiracy to commit genocide, attempt to commit genocide, or complicity in genocide, and insofar as they do engage therein, that steps are taken towards their punishment pursuant to Articles I, II, III and IV of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide.

THE COURT,

Indicates the following provisional measures:

(1) By fifteen votes to two,

The State of Israel shall, in accordance with its obligations under the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, in relation to Palestinians in Gaza, take all measures within its power to prevent the commission of all acts within the scope of Article II of this Convention, in particular:

(a) killing members of the group;

(b) causing serious bodily or mental harm to members of the group;

(c) deliberately inflicting on the group conditions of life calculated to bring about its physical destruction in whole or in part; and

(d) imposing measures intended to prevent births within the group;

IN FAVOUR: *President* Donoghue; *Vice-President* Gevorgian; *Judges* Tomka, Abraham, Bennouna, Yusuf, Xue, Bhandari, Robinson, Salam, Iwasawa, Nolte, Charlesworth, Brant; *Judge* ad hoc Moseneke;

AGAINST: *Judge* Sebutinde; *Judge* ad hoc Barak;

(2) By fifteen votes to two,

The State of Israel shall ensure with immediate effect that its military does not commit any acts described in point 1 above;

IN FAVOUR: *President* Donoghue; *Vice-President* Gevorgian; *Judges* Tomka, Abraham, Bennouna, Yusuf, Xue, Bhandari, Robinson, Salam, Iwasawa, Nolte, Charlesworth, Brant; *Judge* ad hoc Moseneke;

AGAINST: *Judge* Sebutinde; *Judge* ad hoc Barak;

(3) By sixteen votes to one,

The State of Israel shall take all measures within its power to prevent and punish the direct and public incitement to commit genocide in relation to members of the Palestinian group in the Gaza Strip;

IN FAVOUR: *President* Donoghue; *Vice-President* Gevorgian; *Judges* Tomka, Abraham, Bennouna, Yusuf, Xue, Bhandari, Robinson, Salam, Iwasawa, Nolte, Charlesworth, Brant; *Judges* ad hoc Barak, Moseneke;

AGAINST: *Judge* Sebutinde;

(4) By sixteen votes to one,

The State of Israel shall take immediate and effective measures to enable the provision of urgently needed basic services and humanitarian assistance to address the adverse conditions of life faced by Palestinians in the Gaza Strip;

IN FAVOUR: *President* Donoghue; *Vice-President* Gevorgian; *Judges* Tomka, Abraham, Bennouna, Yusuf, Xue, Bhandari, Robinson, Salam, Iwasawa, Nolte, Charlesworth, Brant; *Judges* ad hoc Barak, Moseneke;

AGAINST: *Judge* Sebutinde;

(5) By fifteen votes to two,

The State of Israel shall take effective measures to prevent the destruction and ensure the preservation of evidence related to allegations of acts within the scope of Article II and Article III of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide against members of the Palestinian group in the Gaza Strip;

IN FAVOUR: *President* Donoghue; *Vice-President* Gevorgian; *Judges* Tomka, Abraham, Bennouna, Yusuf, Xue, Bhandari, Robinson, Salam, Iwasawa, Nolte, Charlesworth, Brant; *Judge* ad hoc Moseneke;

AGAINST: *Judge* Sebutinde; *Judge* ad hoc Barak;

(6) By fifteen votes to two,

The State of Israel shall submit a report to the Court on all measures taken to give effect to this Order within one month as from the date of this Order.

IN FAVOUR: *President* Donoghue; *Vice-President* Gevorgian; *Judges* Tomka, Abraham, Bennouna, Yusuf, Xue, Bhandari, Robinson, Salam, Iwasawa, Nolte, Charlesworth, Brant; *Judge* ad hoc Moseneke;

AGAINST: *Judge* Sebutinde; *Judge* ad hoc Barak.

Done in English and in French, the English text being authoritative, at the Peace Palace, The Hague, this twenty-sixth day of January, two thousand and twenty-four, in three copies, one of which will be placed in the archives of the Court and the others transmitted to the Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of the State of Israel, respectively.

(Signed) Joan E. DONOGHUE,
President.

(Signed) Philippe GAUTIER,
Registrar.

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Israeli Judge on the International Court of Justice Votes to Indicate Preliminary Measures Against the State of Israel

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Dahiya Doctrine- Specific Targeting of Civilians by IDF:

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The **Dahiya doctrine**, or **Dahya doctrine**,[1] is a military strategy involving the destruction of civilian infrastructure in order to pressure hostile regimes.[2] It is a type of asymmetric warfare. It endorses the employment of "disproportionate force" (compared to the amount of force used by the enemy[3][4]) to secure that end.[5] The doctrine was outlined by former Israel Defense Forces (IDF) Chief of General Staff Gadi Eizenkot.

A crater in Dahieh in 2008, two years after the 2006 Lebanon War

The doctrine is named after the Dahieh (also transliterated as Dahiyeh and Dahiya) neighborhood of Beirut, where Hezbollah was headquartered during the 2006 Lebanon War, which was heavily damaged by the IDF.[2]

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Destroyed building in Rafah, 12 January 2009

Some analysts have argued that Israel implemented such a strategy during the 2008–09 Gaza War,[13] with the Goldstone Report concluding that the Israeli strategy was "designed to punish, humiliate and terrorize a civilian population".[14]

The 2009 United Nations Fact Finding Mission on the Gaza Conflict makes several references to the Dahya doctrine, calling it a concept which requires the application of "widespread destruction as a means of deterrence" and which involves "the application of disproportionate force and the causing of great damage and destruction to civilian property and infrastructure, and suffering to civilian populations." It concluded that the doctrine had been put into practice during the conflict.[15] However, in a 1 April 2011 op-ed, one of the

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dahiya_doctrine

Destroyed building in Rafah, 12 January 2009

A central tenet of Israeli military policy is "deterrence." This is embodied in the so-called "Dahiya Doctrine," which dictates the use of overwhelming and disproportionate force - a war crime - and the targeting of government and civilian infrastructure during military operations. It received its name from the Dahiya neighborhood of Beirut, a stronghold of Hezbollah, which Israel destroyed almost completely during its assault on Lebanon in the summer of 2006.

- In October 2008, Gabi Siboni, Director of the Military and Strategic Affairs Program at Tel Aviv University's Institute for National Security Studies (INSS), a quasi-governmental think tank with close ties to the Israeli political and military establishments, published a policy paper entitled "Disproportionate Force: Israel's Concept of Response in Light of the Second Lebanon War." It stated:

> *'With an outbreak of hostilities [with Hezbollah], the IDF will need to act immediately, decisively, and* ***with force that is disproportionate to the enemy's actions and the threat it poses****. Such a response aims at inflicting damage and meting out punishment to an extent that will demand long and expensive reconstruction processes. 'Israel's test will be the intensity and quality of its response to incidents on the Lebanese border or terrorist attacks involving Hezbollah in the north or Hamas in the south. In such cases, Israel again will not be able to limit its response to actions whose severity is seemingly proportionate to an isolated incident.* ***Rather, it will have to respond disproportionately in order to make it abundantly clear that the State of Israel will accept no attempt to disrupt the calm currently prevailing along its borders****. Israel must be prepared for deterioration and escalation, as well as for a full-scale confrontation. Such preparedness is obligatory in order to prevent long term attrition.'*

https://imeu.org/article/the-dahiya-doctrine-and-israels-use-of-disproportionate-force

Israel Droning Civilians

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UN demands probe into Israeli drone attack that killed 4 Palestinians in Gaza Strip

'UN Secretary General (Antonio Guterres) is deeply disturbed by the video footage,' says deputy spokesperson

Merve Gül Aydoğan Ağlarcı | 22.03.2024 - Update : 22.03.2024

HAMILTON, Canada

The UN on Friday expressed profound dismay over footage showing Israeli drones bombing four Palestinian civilians in Khan Younis, southern Gaza Strip, stating that the incident requires investigation.

Farhan Haq, UN deputy spokesperson, commented on the footage aired by Al Jazeera channel, saying, "Secretary-General (Antonio Guterres) is deeply disturbed by the video footage."

Haq conveyed that Guterres called for a "thorough, independent and credible" investigation into the killings of the unarmed Palestinians.

Noting that the UN chief urged all parties to abide by international humanitarian law, Haq also emphasized the need to adhere to the principles of distinguishing civilians from combatants and proportionality.

The scenes were captured from an Israeli drone in Khan Younis in February, showing the pursuit of the four Palestinians and their targeting with several missiles.

The footage shows the youth searching for their homes or what remains of them among the rubble on a road cleared by the army's vehicles before withdrawing from the area. It is evident from the footage that the four civilians did not carry weapons and did not pose any threat.

Israel has waged a deadly military offensive on Gaza since an Oct. 7 cross-border attack led by Hamas in which nearly 1,200 Israelis were killed.

More than 32,000 Palestinians, mostly women and children, have since been killed in Gaza, and nearly 74,300 injured amid mass destruction and shortages of necessities.

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https://www.aa.com.tr/en/middle-east/un-demands-probe-into-israeli-drone-attack-that-killed-4-palestinians-in-gaza-strip/3172024

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Israeli army gassed my son ‘like Auschwitz,’ mother of slain Israeli soldier says

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An outraged Israeli mom has sparked an uproar after accusing the Israeli army of deliberately gassing her son to death while he was being held in a Gaza tunnel. Now she says the Israeli military had her son's gravestone removed after her critical message went viral.

His killing follows a pattern of Israeli military attacks on Israeli captives in Gaza, raising questions about the existence of a friendly fire policy to prevent prisoner swaps.

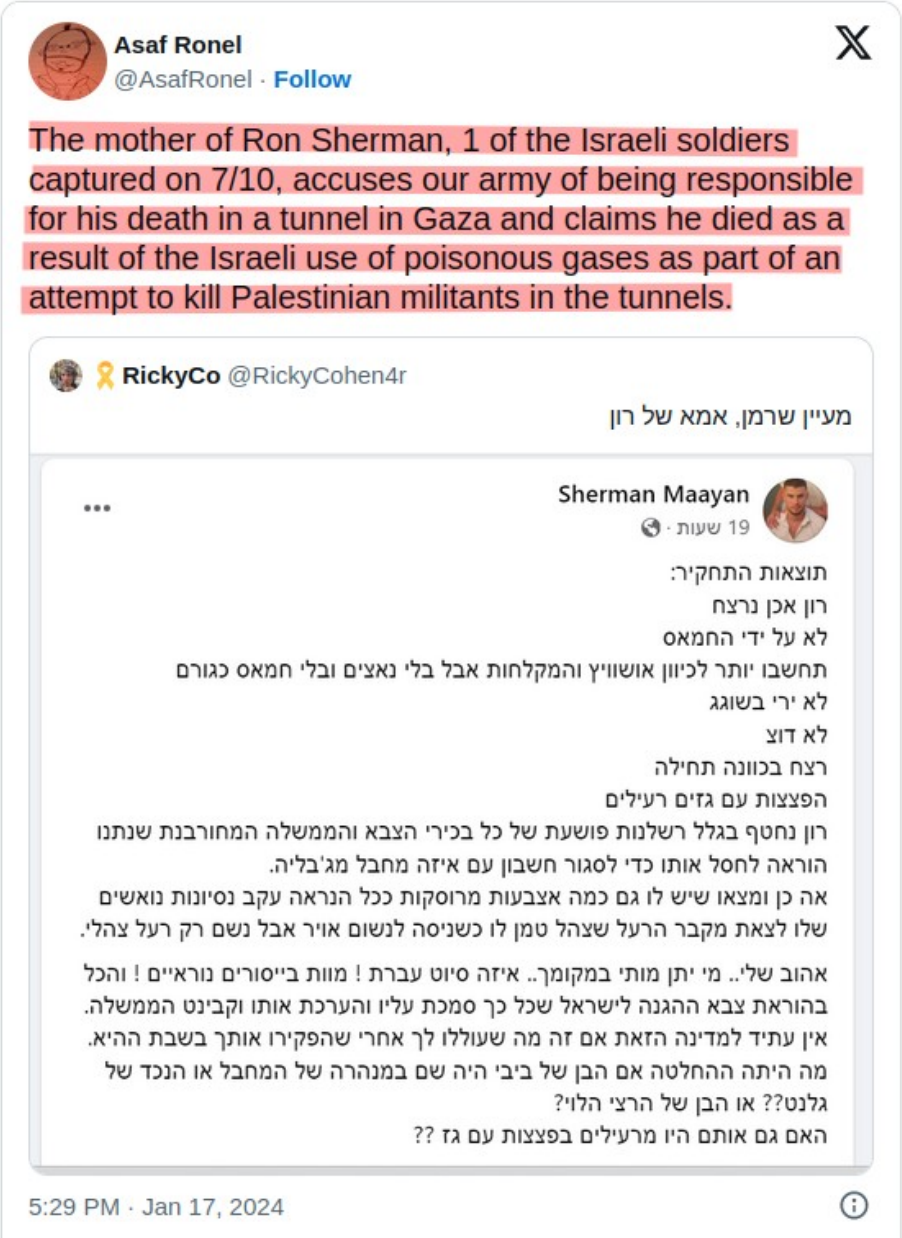
The mother of a now-dead Israeli soldier captured by Hamas militants on October 7 says it was the Israeli military, not Palestinian resistance fighters, who killed her son. In a recently-published post on Facebook, Israeli mother Maayan Sherman wrote that her son Ron was "indeed murdered – not by Hamas," but in circumstances more akin to "Auschwitz and the showers."

The killing of her son, she wrote, was caused "not from accidental gunfire, nor from crossfire, but from premeditated murder – bombing with poison gas."

Israel has refused to divulge further information regarding the circumstances of the deaths, stating in a press release that "it cannot be denied nor confirmed that they were killed due to strangulation, suffocation, poisoning, or as the result of an IDF [Israeli Defense Forces] attack or Hamas operation." But Sherman's mother says all the evidence indicates the Israeli government deliberately killed her son.

"Oh yes, they also found that he had several crushed fingers, apparently due to his desperate attempts to escape the poison grave that the IDF dug for him when he tried to breathe fresh air, but only breathed IDF poison," the grieving mother continued.

"My love, may I die in your place, what a nightmare you went through. Death in terrible agony – and all at the behest of the IDF, which you trusted and valued so much, and the [Israeli] cabinet," Sherman concluded.



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IDF Chief Rabbi Permits Raping

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IDF's chief rabbi-to-be permits raping women in wartime

Col. Eyal Karim, the IDF's intended next chief rabbi, has previously provided misogynistic interpretations of Jewish law that consider female conscription 'utterly forbidden' and permits raping 'attracting Gentile women' as a way to keep up morale; female MKs and women's rights organizations, incensed, call for his appointment to be cancelled.

Elisha Ben Kimon, Telem Yahav & Kobi Nachshoni | Published: 07.12.16 , 10:24

Rabbi Col. Eyal Karim, who was announced on Monday as the IDF's intended new chief rabbi, has provoked controversy with previous misogynistic statements, such as opposing female conscription and implying that rape was permissible in times of war.

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The 59-year-old colonel was chosen to replace the outgoing chief rabbi, Brig. Gen. Rafi Peretz, who is stepping down after six years in the position. Karim has been serving as the head of the Rabbinate Department in the Military Rabbinate. He is an alumnus of the Bnei Akiva Nachalim and the Ateret Cohanim yeshivas, and he served previously as a combat paratrooper, eventually commanding their elite reconnaissance unit, before taking a break from the military and eventually returning to its rabbinate.

However, a number of Karim's controversial statements that have come to light have cast a shadow on his impending appointment.

The rabbi gave a more shocking answer on the same site when asked if soldiers were permitted to rape women during war. Karim replied that, as part of maintaining fitness for the army and the soldiers' morale during fighting, it is permitted to "breach" the walls of modesty and "satisfy the evil inclination by lying with attractive Gentile women against their will, out of consideration for the difficulties faced by the soldiers and for overall success."

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US official accused IDF of sexually abusing Palestinian women, general says

IDF Brig.-Gen. (res.) Amir Avivi: A US State Department official claimed that Israel "systematically" sexually abuses Palestinian women.

https://www.jpost.com/israel-hamas-war/article-793420

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UNRWA draft report alleges beatings, sexual abuse of Gazan detainees - NYT

The IDF strongly denies allegations of sexual abuse and says that all deaths in custody, as well as any formal complaints of mistreatment, are investigated by the military police.

By JERUSALEM POST STAFF

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Israeli soldiers operate next to the UNRWA headquarters, amid the ongoing conflict between Israel and the Palestinian Islamist group Hamas, in the Gaza Strip, February 8, 2024.
(photo credit: DYLAN MARTINEZ/REUTERS)

https://www.jpost.com/israel-hamas-war/article-790075

Israeli Snipers Targeting Children & Civilians:

The Guardian

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'Not a normal war': doctors say children have been targeted by Israeli snipers in Gaza

IDF says it 'completely rejects' charge that its soldiers deliberately fired on any of the thousands of civilians killed in Israeli offensive

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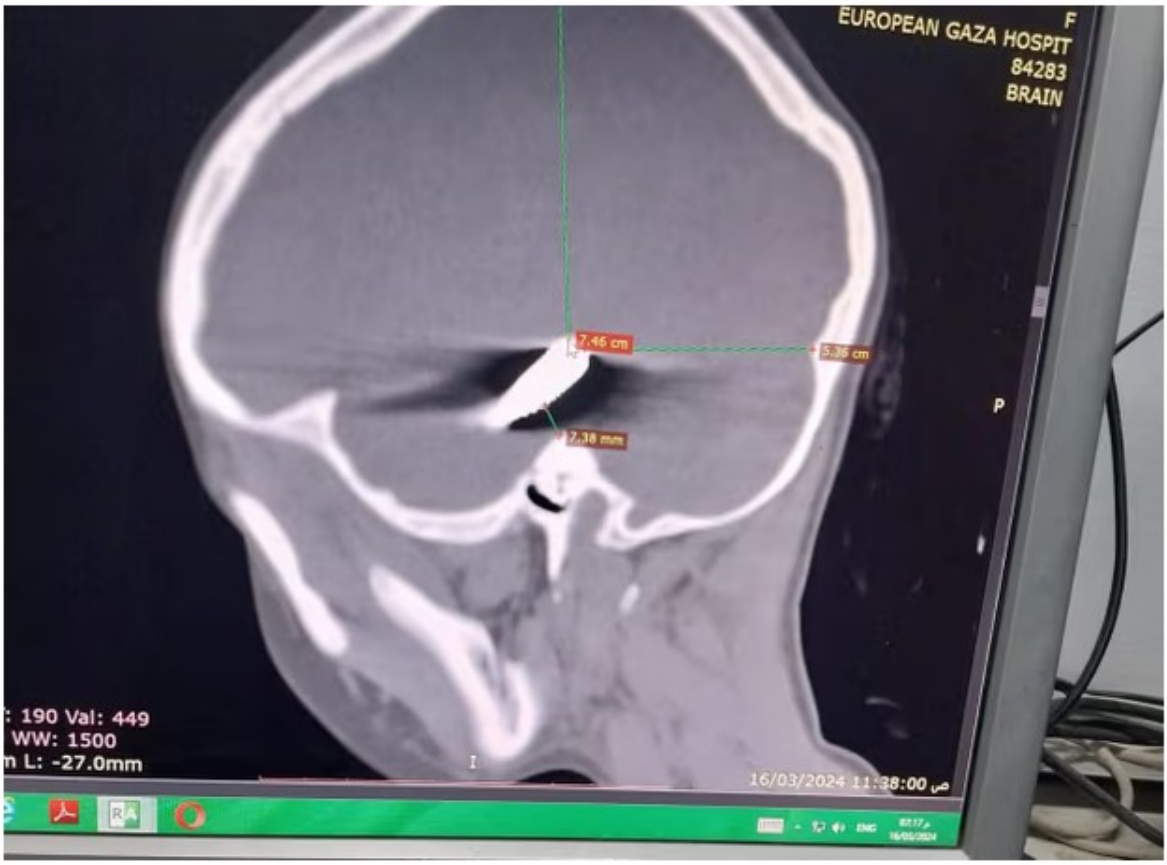
A child hospitalized with a gunshot wound at the European public hospital near Rafah, Gaza, in February 2024. Photograph: Courtesy of Dr Fozia Alvi



A brain scan shows a bullet lodged in the skull of an eight-year-old Palestinian girl. Photograph: Courtesy Dr Vanita Gupta

Medical staff perform CPR on a child who was shot in the head. Photograph: Courtesy Dr Vanita Gupta

https://www.theguardian.com/world/2024/apr/02/gaza-palestinian-children-killed-idf-israel-war

A UN probe on Thursday said there is evidence Israel committed crimes against humanity in responding to last year's protests in Gaza, as snipers targeted people clearly identifiable as children, health workers and journalists.

The UN Independent Commission of Inquiry on the protests in the Occupied Palestinian Territory investigated violations committed during demonstrations in the Gaza strip between March 30 and December 31 of 2018.

"Israeli soldiers committed violations of international human rights and humanitarian law," committee chair Santiago Canton said in a statement.

"Some of those violations may constitute war crimes or crimes against humanity," he added.

The commission, set up by the UN Human Rights Council in May, said that "more than 6,000 unarmed demonstrators were shot by military snipers" during weeks of protest.

"The Commission found reasonable grounds to believe that Israeli snipers shot at journalists, health workers, children and persons with disabilities, knowing they were clearly recognisable as such," it said.

Israel's foreign minister said the state "rejects the report outright."

"No institution can negate Israel's right to self-defence and its duty to defend its residents and borders from violent attacks," Israel Katz, the foreign minister, said in a statement.

Among the most contentious questions surrounding the Gaza protests was whether the Palestinian protesters posed a grave threat to Israeli troops.

The UN investigators stressed that there were reasonable grounds to believe that Israeli troops killed and injured Palestinians "who were neither directly participating in hostilities, nor posing an imminent threat."

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Israeli snipers kill 21 civilians outside Gaza's besieged Nasser Hospital

Rights groups say repeated attacks on medical facilities, doctors and ambulances must be investigated for war crimes.

Palestinians dig graves to bury their relatives who were killed in the Israeli bombardment of the Gaza Strip, at Nasser Hospital in Khan Younis, southern Gaza Strip, January 22, 2024 [Mohammed Dahman/AP Photo]

9 Feb 2024

Israeli snipers have killed at least 21 Palestinians after they opened fire on displaced civilians trying to reach Nasser Hospital in southern Gaza's Khan Younis.

Al Jazeera's Hani Mahmoud, reporting from Rafah, said on Friday that snipers had surrounded the hospital and were "shooting at every moving object" as people were trying to reach it from two densely populated residential neighbourhoods near the facility.

Rights groups said the Israeli military's repeated attacks on medical facilities, doctors, nurses, medics and ambulances must be investigated for war crimes.

"Hospitals and other medical facilities are civilian objects that have special protections under international humanitarian law or the laws of war," Human Rights Watch noted.

Mahmoud said this represents a "new trend of targeted killings" by Israeli snipers, who shoot Palestinians in the streets. People inside the medical facility would also become easy targets by trying to retrieve the bodies.

"Attack drones also targeted a group of young people who gathered on the roof of the hospital. Because of the communications blackout, they were trying to get signals for the internet on their mobile phones so they could communicate with family members," Mahmoud reported.

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An Israeli sniper targeted a Palestinian child's hand in Gaza

A Palestinian child was severely injured after an Israeli sniper shot his hand in Gaza. The Israeli military has consistently targeted children ever since it began its assault on Gaza on 7 October, with children making up nearly 50% of all those killed in Gaza.

https://www.middleeastmonitor.com/20231225-an-israeli-sniper-targeted-a-palestinian-childs-hand-in-gaza/

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The Israeli occupation forces shot dead the Palestinian child Rami Halhouli in Shufat refugee camp in Jerusalem.
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Israel Torturing United Nations Staffers for False Testimony:

Tel Aviv, Israel (CNN) — The UN agency for Palestinian refugees on Monday accused Israel of detaining and torturing some of its staffers, coercing them into making false confessions about the agency's ties to Hamas.

"Some of our staff have conveyed to UNRWA teams that they were forced to (make) confessions under torture and ill-treatment. These false confessions were in response to questioning about relations between UNRWA and Hamas and involvement in the 7 October attack against Israel," UNRWA spokeswoman Juliette Touma said in a statement.

Israel has accused at least 12 staffers from the UN Relief and Works Agency of being involved in the October 7 terrorist attacks and has alleged that about 12% of UNRWA's 13,000 staffers are members of Hamas or other Palestinian militant groups. Israeli officials have said some of the information about the 12 staffers involved in October 7 was obtained through cell phone data and other sources. UNRWA says it has fired 10 of the 12 accused staffers and that the other two are dead. CNN cannot confirm the allegations.

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Touma said that false confessions elicited "under torture" were being used "to further spread misinformation about the Agency as part of attempts to dismantle UNRWA," but did not tie those confessions to the allegations

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The allegations are part of an as yet unpublished report compiled by UNRWA alleging Israel's widespread physical and psychological abuse of Palestinians detained in Gaza during the war, including 21 UNRWA staff members, some of whom said they were beaten and threatened.

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UNRWA Says Israel Tortured & Waterboarded Staffers, Leading to False Confessions

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The U.N. agency for Palestinian refugees, UNRWA, has accused the Israeli military of beating and waterboarding some of its staff held in Israeli prisons. UNRWA states in a new report, “Agency staff members have been subject to threats and coercion by the Israeli authorities while in detention, and pressured to make false statements against the Agency, including that the Agency has affiliations with Hamas and that UNRWA staff members took part in the 7 October 2023 atrocities.”

UNRWA has faced a crisis ever since Israel accused a number of UNRWA staff workers of taking part in the October 7 attacks. Although Israel did not share evidence to back up its claim, many countries, including the United States, cut off funding to UNRWA despite Gaza’s catastrophic humanitarian crisis. In recent days Sweden and Canada resumed funding.

https://www.democracynow.org/2024/3/12/headlines/unrwa_says_israel_tortured_waterboarded_staffers_leading_to_false_confessions

The Guardian

US intelligence casts doubt on Israeli claims of UNRWA-Hamas links, report says

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A US intelligence assessment of Israel's claims that UN aid agency staff members participated in the Hamas attack on 7 October said some of the accusations were credible, though could not be independently verified, while also casting doubt on claims of wider links to militant groups.

The assault precipitated a full-scale invasion by Israel of Gaza that has killed upwards of 30,000 Palestinians. Earlier this year, Israel accused 12 employees of the United Nations Reliefs and Works Agency (UNRWA) of participating in the 7 October attacks alongside Hamas. It also said 10% of all UNRWA workers were affiliated with Hamas.

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The bombshell accusation led several countries, including the US, to cut off funding for the agency, which was a crucial vehicle for getting aid to Gaza in what has widely been described as a humanitarian crisis.

According to the Wall Street Journal, the intelligence report, released last week, assessed with "low confidence" that a handful of staff had participated in the attack, indicating that it considered the accusations to be credible though it could not independently confirm their veracity.

It cast doubt, however, on accusations that the UN agency was collaborating with Hamas in a wider way. The Journal said the report mentioned that although the UNRWA does coordinate with Hamas in order to deliver aid and operate in the region, there was a lack of evidence to suggest it partnered with the group.

https://www.theguardian.com/world/2024/feb/22/us-intelligence-unrwa-hamas

Israeli Government is Blocking United Nations Food to Palestinians:

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Israeli Minister Blocks Flour From Reaching UNRWA in Gaza

Israel's finance minister, Bezalel Smotrich, said he had ordered flour shipments not to be transferred to the agency that aids Palestinians, citing allegations that some of its employees were affiliated with Hamas.

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Bezalel Smotrich, Israel's finance minister, issued an order blocking some shipments of food for Palestinians in the Gaza Strip. Amir Levy/Getty Images

The Israeli finance ministry has blocked deliveries of food for Gaza because the shipments were intended to reach the main U.N. agency for Palestinians, Israel's finance minister, Bezalel Smotrich, said on Tuesday.

Mr. Smotrich, a hard-right settler leader, said in a statement that he had issued a directive not to transfer flour shipments to the agency, known as UNRWA, citing allegations that some of its employees were affiliated with Hamas, including 12 accused of participating in the armed group's Oct. 7 attack on Israel.

Last week, a subcontractor handling the shipments for UNRWA received a call from Israel's customs agency — which is housed in Mr. Smotrich's ministry — ordering it not to process any UNRWA goods in its warehouse, said Juliette Touma, an UNRWA spokeswoman.

https://www.nytimes.com/2024/02/14/world/middleeast/israel-unrwa-gaza.html

People walk past the damaged Gaza City headquarters of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) on February 15, 2024. (AFP)

Trucks of Egyptian Red Crescent carrying humanitarian aid for the Gaza Strip cross the Rafah border gate, in Rafah, Egypt, October 21, 2023. (Mohammed Asad/AP)

https://www.timesofisrael.com/ambulances-with-gaza-wounded-enter-egypt-through-rafah-border-crossing/

https://www.ndtv.com/world-news/trucks-carrying-aid-start-entering-gaza-through-rafah-border-from-egypt-4502101

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Magnitude of the Starvation in Gaza:

7. Palestinians in Gaza are no longer at "immediate *risk* of death by starvation."[11] At least 15 Palestinian children — including babies — in Gaza have *already* died of starvation in the past week alone, with the actual numbers believed to be much higher.[12] These deaths are "man-made, predictable and entirely preventable."[13] It is predicted that they will increase exponentially and not linearly in the absence of a cessation of military activities and a lifting of the blockade.[14]

8. Palestinian children are starving to death as a direct result of the deliberate acts and omissions of Israel — in violation of the Genocide Convention and of the Court's Order. This includes Israel's deliberate attempts to cripple the United Nations Relief and Works Agency ('UNRWA'),[15] on whom the vast majority of besieged, displaced and starving Palestinian men, women, children and babies depend for their survival.[16]

9. Israel has repeatedly used humanitarian aid as a "bargaining chip in negotiations"[17] through its creation of a hostile, inoperable environment for aid agencies. This includes: blocking such aid through obstructions, restrictions and denials;[18] closed crossings;[19] deliberately killing and targeting humanitarian workers;[20] its destruction of Palestinian crops and arable land;[21] its killing of Palestinian livestock;[22] its cutting off the North of Gaza — in particular — from sufficient aid deliveries;[23] its reducing Palestinian men, women and children to eating animal feed, bird seed and leaves, unfit for human consumption;[24] and its pattern of attacks on desperate Palestinians as they try to obtain aid from humanitarian convoys, discussed in more detail below. Humanitarian chiefs' "[w]orst famine fears" have been "realised".[25] As stated by Medical Aid for Palestinians, "[t]his is the fastest decline in a population's nutrition status ever recorded. That means children are being starved at the fastest rate the world has ever seen."[26]

10. On 3 March 2023, the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food warned that "famine may very well be already occurring" due to Israel "intentionally starving the Palestinian people in Gaza", and that "the only way to end/prevent this famine is an immediate ceasefire. And the only way to get a ceasefire is to sanction Israel."[27] On 4 March 2024, the Director-General of the World Health Organization joined calls for a ceasefire following "grim findings" by its visiting staff of "severe levels of malnutrition, children dying of starvation, serious shortages of fuel, food and medical supplies, hospital buildings destroyed" at two hospitals in Northern Gaza.[28]

11. Israel is now massacring desperate, starving Palestinians seeking to obtain food for their slowly-dying children.[29] The so-called 'flour massacre' of 29 February 2024[30] — in which 118 Palestinians were killed and a further 760 injured — was the largest such massacre to date.[31] However, it forms part of an escalating pattern of fatal attacks by Israel on the Palestinian people it is deliberately starving, *as they seek to access aid*.[32] This has led a group of United Nations human rights experts to issue a stark warning that "Israel is not respecting its international legal obligations, is not complying with the provisional measures of the International Court of Justice, and is committing atrocity crimes."[33]

International Court of Justice, South Africa v. Israel, Application For The Indication Of Additional Provisional Measures

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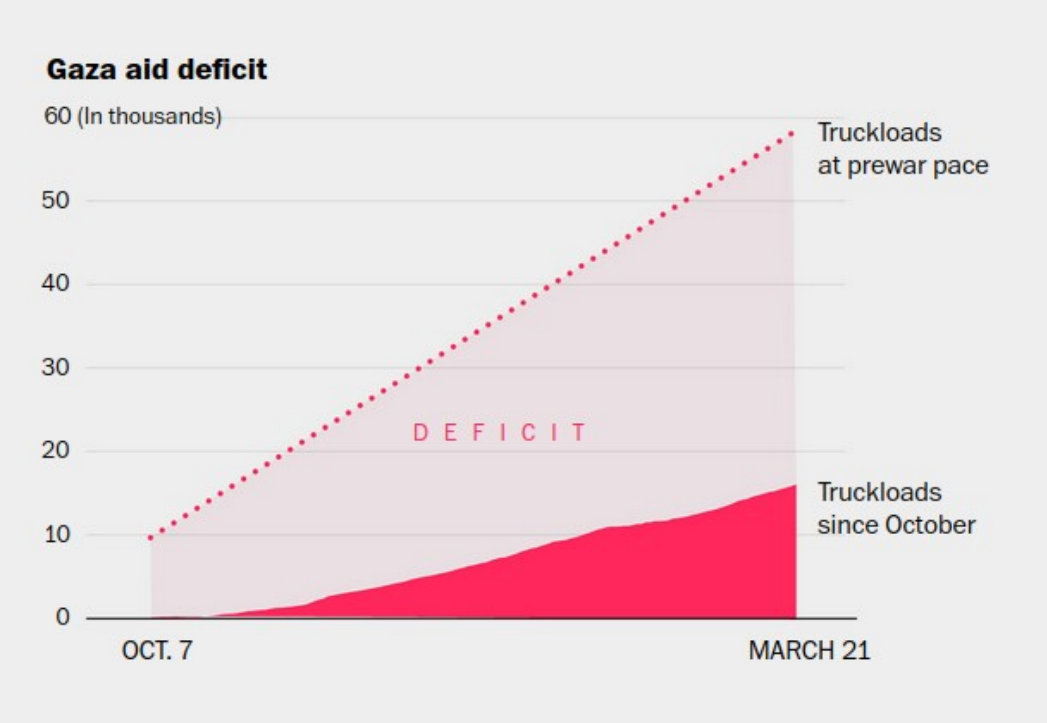
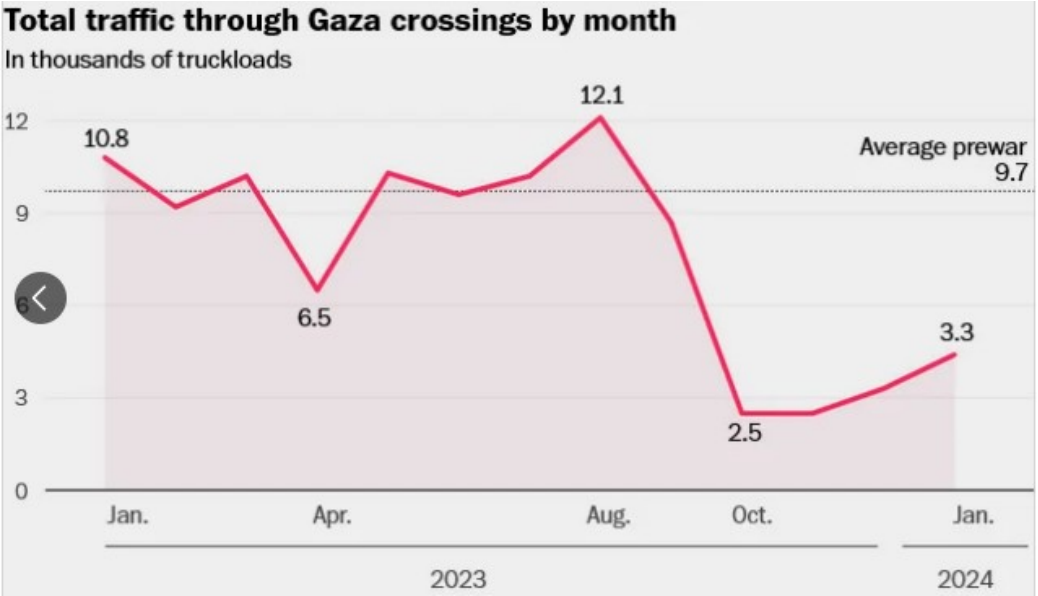
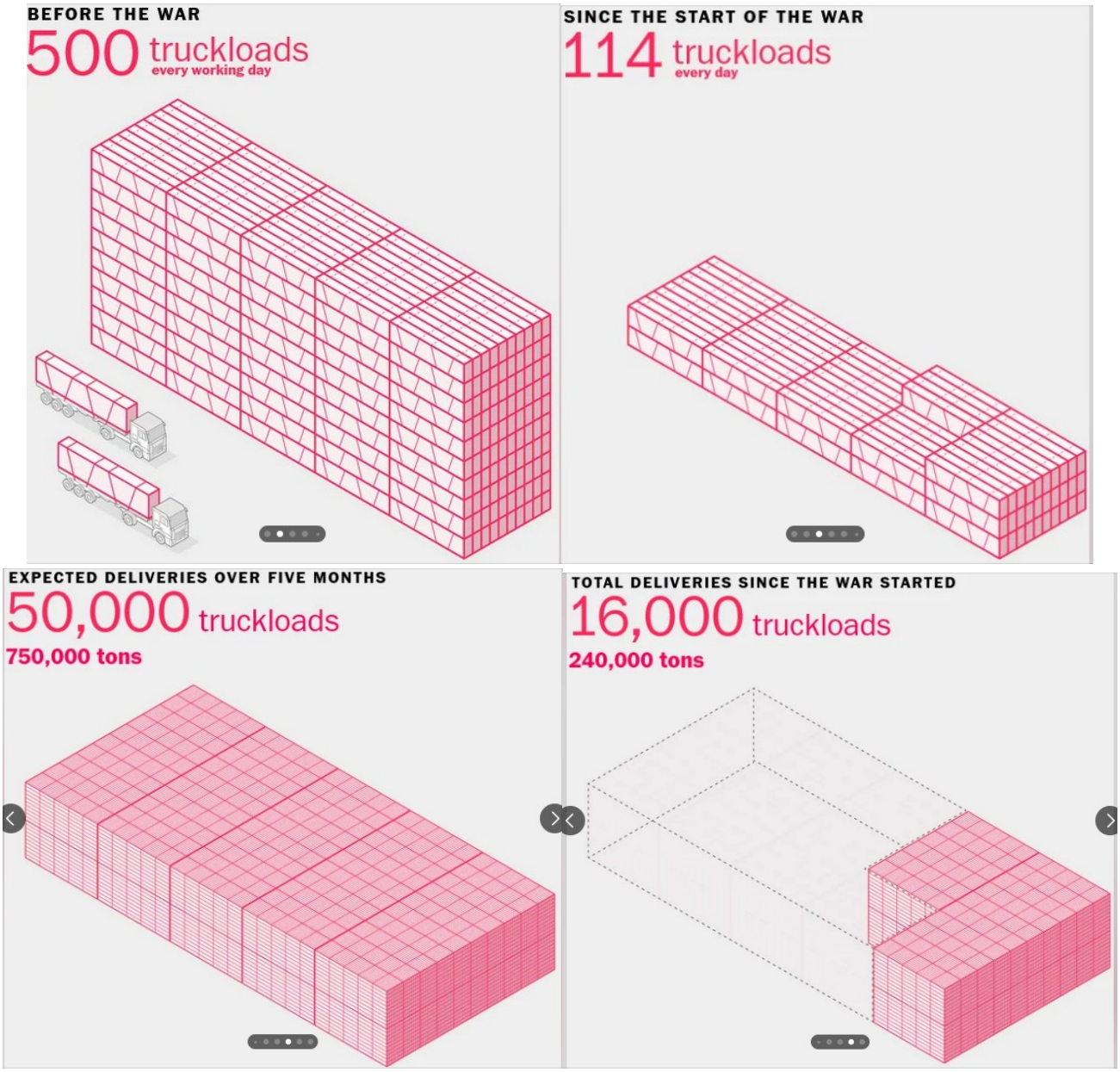
Visualizing Gaza's aid shortage as '~~man-~~ ISRAEL made' famine looms







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Statement

Statement by UNICEF on the risk of famine in the Gaza Strip

Latest IPC report warns that acute food insecurity puts all children under five in the Gaza Strip—335,000—at high risk of severe malnutrition and preventable death

22 December 2023

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A boy sits on a mattress in the courtyard where displaced persons have taken shelter in the State of Palestine.

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NEW YORK, 22 December 2023 – "Yesterday, the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) warned the world of the very high risk of famine in the Gaza Strip, increasing every day if the situation persists. Specifically, the IPC report said at least 1 in 4 households in the Gaza Strip, or more than half a million people, are facing catastrophic levels of acute food insecurity, the highest level of warning.

"These entirely manmade, foreseeable, and preventable catastrophic conditions mean that children and families in the Gaza Strip are now facing violence from the air, and deprivation from the ground—with potentially the worst yet to come.

"The report also said that almost 1.2 million people are experiencing emergency levels of acute food insecurity and acknowledged that famine thresholds for acute food insecurity have already been exceeded. In short, this means for many families in Gaza, the threat of dying from hunger is already real.

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Find out more about UNICEF's work in the Gaza Strip

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December 18, 2023 12:00AM EST

Israel: Starvation Used as Weapon of War in Gaza

Evidence Indicates Civilians Deliberately Denied Access to Food, Water

People line up for bread at a partially collapsed but still operational bakehouse in Nuseirat refugee camp in Deir al Balah, Gaza, November 4, 2023.
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- The Israeli government is using starvation of civilians as a method of warfare in the Gaza Strip, which is a war crime.
- Israeli officials have made public statements expressing their aim to deprive civilians in Gaza of food, water, and fuel – statements reflected in Israeli forces' military operations.
- The Israeli government should not attack objects necessary for the survival of the civilian population, lift its blockade of the Gaza Strip, and restore electricity and water.

(Jerusalem) – The Israeli government is using starvation of civilians as a method of warfare in the occupied Gaza Strip, which is a war crime, Human Rights Watch said today. Israeli forces are deliberately blocking the delivery of water, food, and fuel, while willfully impeding humanitarian assistance, apparently razing agricultural areas, and depriving the civilian population of objects indispensable to their survival.

Since Hamas-led fighters attacked Israel on October 7, 2023, high-ranking Israeli officials, including Defense Minister Yoav Gallant, National Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir, and Energy Minister Israel Katz have made public statements expressing their aim to deprive civilians in Gaza of food, water and fuel – statements reflecting a policy being carried out by Israeli forces. Other Israeli officials have publicly stated that humanitarian aid to Gaza would be conditioned either on the release of hostages unlawfully held by Hamas or Hamas' destruction.

"For over two months, Israel has been depriving Gaza's population of food and water, a policy spurred on or endorsed by high-ranking Israeli officials and reflecting an intent to starve civilians as a method of warfare," said Omar Shakir, Israel and Palestine director at Human Rights Watch. "World leaders should be speaking out against this abhorrent war crime, which has devastating effects on Gaza's population."

https://www.hrw.org/news/2023/12/18/israel-starvation-used-weapon-war-gaza

Michigan Stadium

Football stadium on the campus of the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Michigan

Overview **Summary**

Michigan Stadium, nicknamed "**The Big House**," is the football stadium for the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Michigan. It is the largest stadium in the United States and the Western Hemisphere, the third-largest stadium in the world, and the 34th-largest sports venue in the world. Its official capacity is 107,601, but it has hosted crowds in excess of 115,000.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Michigan_Stadium

Gaza Strip
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Palestinian flag

Location of the Gaza Strip (in red)
Detailed map of the Gaza Strip
UN OCHA detailed map, September 2023
Show all

Government	
• State	State of Palestine
Area	
• Total	365 km² (141 sq mi)
Population	
• 2022 estimate	2,375,259[5]
• Density	6,507/km² (16,853.1/sq mi)

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Children make up nearly half of Gaza's population. Here's what it means for the war

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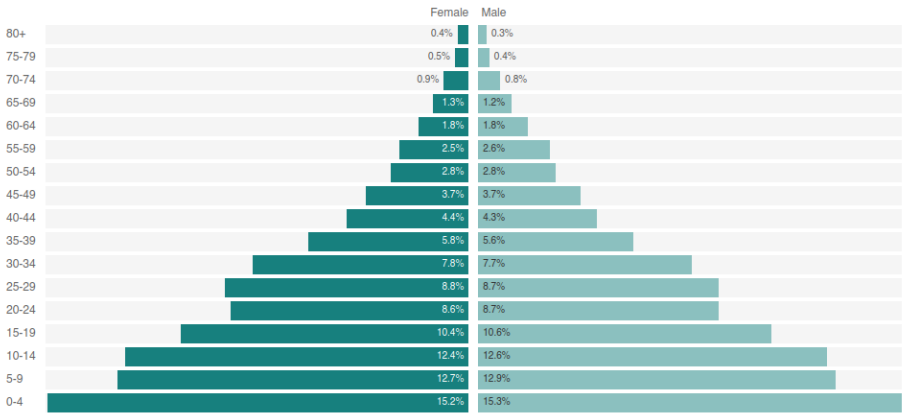
By Linah Mohammad

Gaza's population skews younger

Share of female and male populations by age group



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2024 Gaza, Palestine:

Fadi Zant, 9, suffering from malnutrition, is being treated at the IMC field hospital in Rafah after being evacuated from northern Gaza where a man-made starvation is unfolding.

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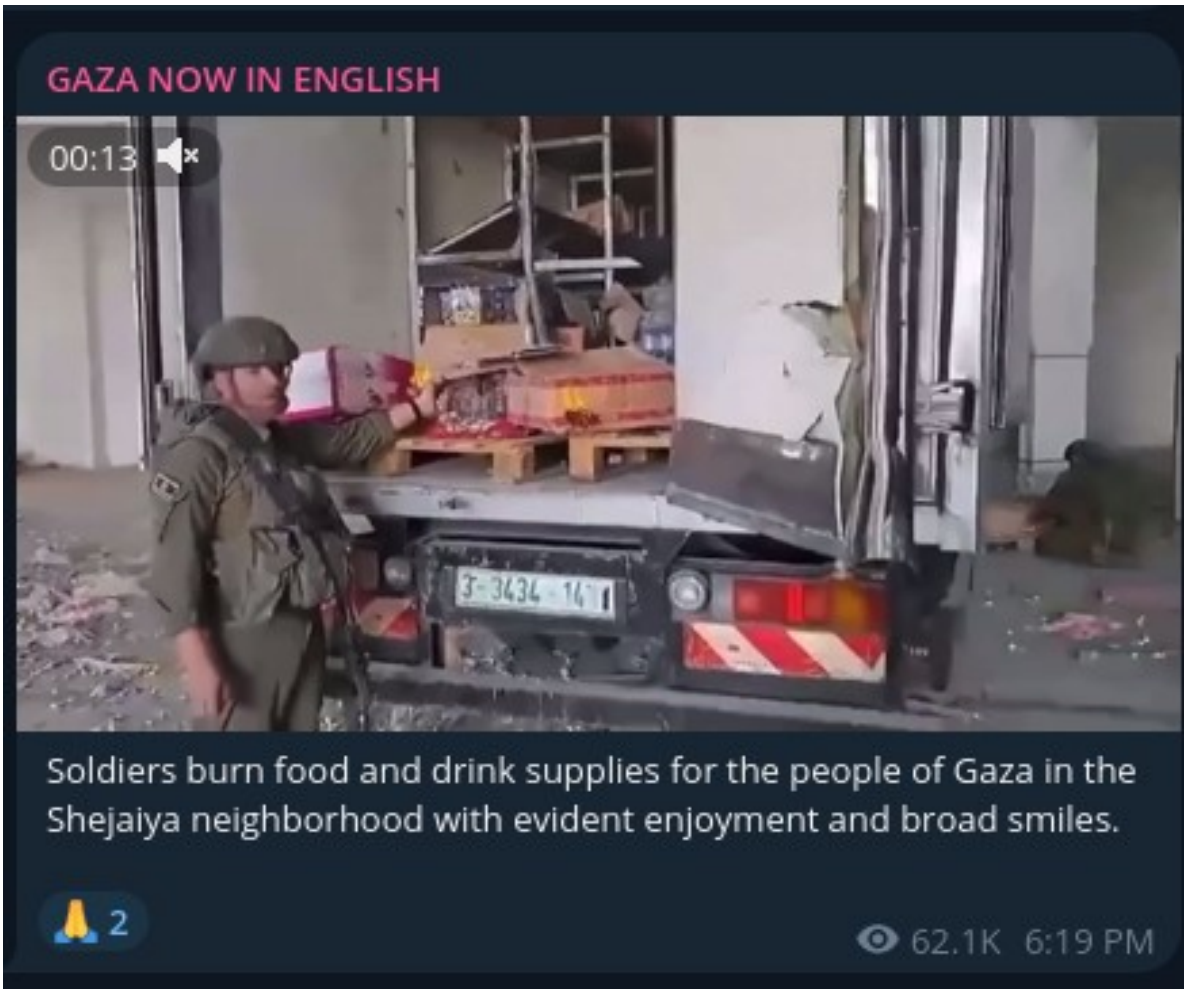

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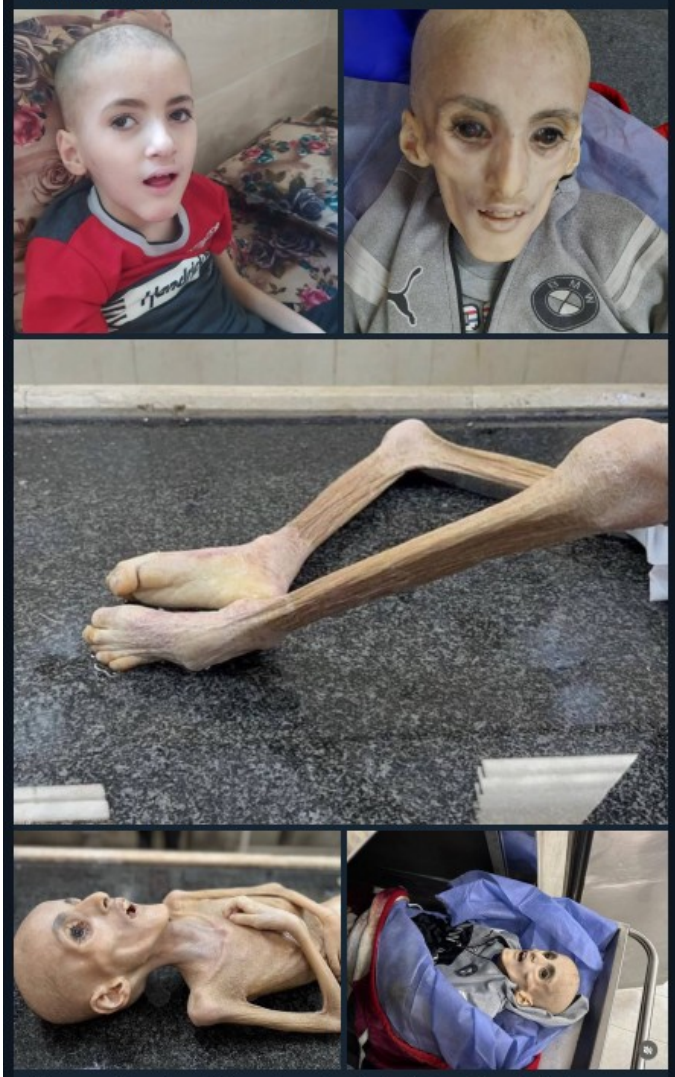

Yezan weighed only 5kg when she died of starvation today!

Yezan's brother Mohammed said:

"We were expelled from Beit Hanoun at the beginning of the war, then we took refuge in Jabaliya Camp, then in Nusayrat Camp, then in Rafah.

The war destroyed all the basic needs of this child who suffers from many diseases. We could not find him any medicine or any food that could keep him alive. Yezan turned into a skeleton in this war. Hunger gnawed his body. Here is another form of death, death from hunger, lack of medicine and the successive crises!

Our message to the international community and the free people of the world: What are you waiting for? At least ensure the children's right to life. You claim to be people of justice and equality, yet death is rampant with famine and disaster. Know that death is coming upon us not only in the form of shells and missiles, but in all its forms!"

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Number of Football Stadiums of 0-4 yr Old Children Currently Being Blown Up and Starved to Death On Purpose:

2,375,259 * 15.3% / 107,601 = 3.37 Michigan Stadiums of 0-4 yr Olds:

Figure 2.
Effects radii for a 2,000lb aircraft bomb

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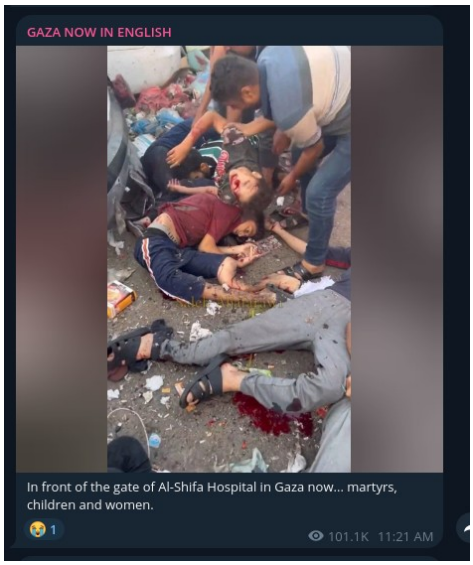

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"Remember when fasting that there are more than two million Palestinians in Gaza who are dying from bombing and hunger and their bodies have turned into skeletons 🇵🇸✅
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PALESTINE ONLINE 🇵🇸
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Due to malnutrition and dehydration, a little Palestinian girl was thrown on the road and about to lose consciousness before she was transferred to receive treatment in the hospital. This is resulting from the Israeli occupation's starving policy against Palestinians in Gaza.

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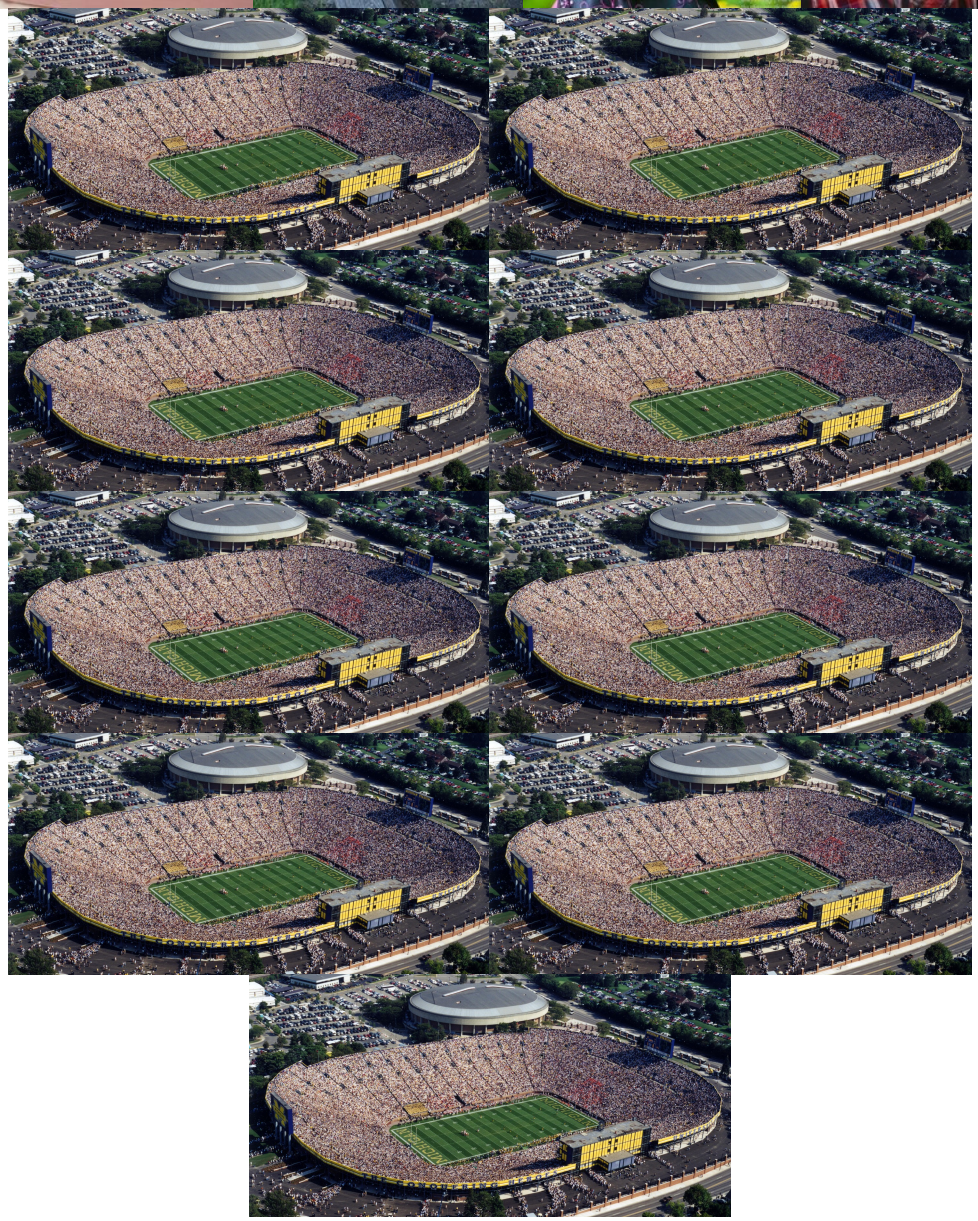

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The sobbing has ceased; this little girl has just been martyred after her home was bombed in Gaza.
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👉This Palestinian girl has now arrived at the hospital with injuries as a result of the Nazi Israeli occupation planes bombing her home in Gaza.
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AL NUSEIRAT BAKERY
Israeli government-related pages recently released an old video of a bakery in Gaza, claiming that there is no famine or food shortage. However, the same bakery they featured in the old video was struck and completely destroyed by Israeli aircraft on October 27th, resulting in the deaths of three of its owners.
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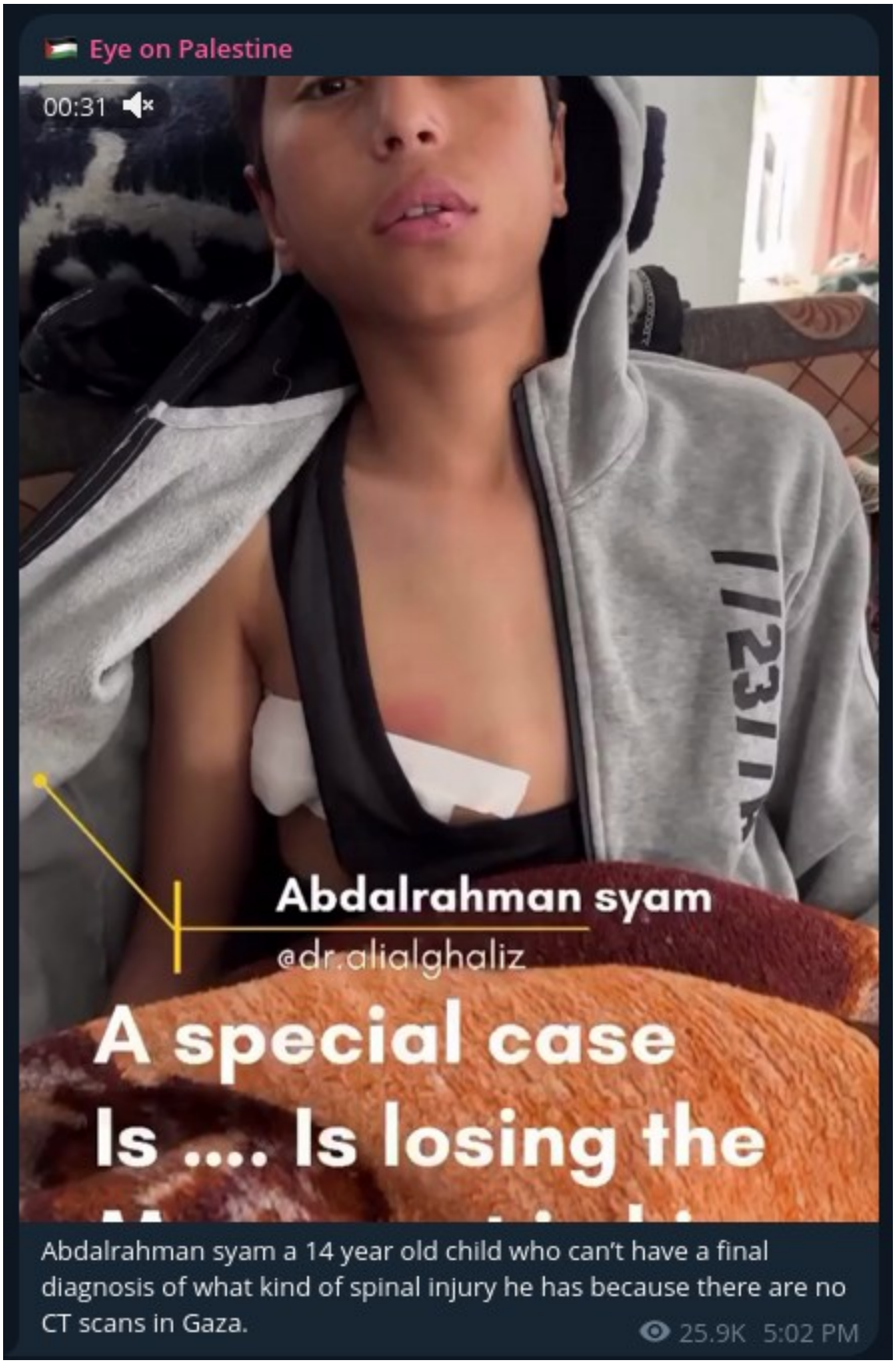

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"A form of blood libel in 2024 that the state of Israel is using starvation as a weapon of war. That is bullshit."

-U.S. Senator Lindsay Grahm

https://twitter.com/LindseyGrahamSC/status/1772722472309190757

— **Israeli Minister of Defence**: On 9 October 2023, Defence Minister Yoav Gallant in an Israeli Army 'situation update' advised that Israel was "imposing a complete siege on Gaza. No electricity, no food, no water, no fuel. Everything is closed. We are fighting human animals and

we are acting accordingly."[452] He also informed troops on the Gaza border that he had "released all the restraints",[453] stating in terms that: "Gaza won't return to what it was before. We will eliminate everything. If it doesn't take one day, it will take a week. It will take weeks or even months, we will reach all places."[454] He further announced that Israel was moving to "a full-scale response" and that he had "removed every restriction" on Israeli forces.[455]

United Nations International Court Of Justice, South Africa v. Israel

Open SECRETS FOLLOWING THE MONEY IN POLITICS

Money from Pro-Israel to US Senators, 1990-2024

Senator	State	Amount
Graham, Lindsey (R-SC)	South Carolina	$1,000,580

https://www.opensecrets.org/industries/summary?cycle=All&ind=Q05&recipdetail=S

https://t.me/gazaalanpa/3502

https://www.unrwa.org

IDF Blowing Up United Nations Aid Buildings:

NEWSRAEL Telling The Israeli Story | MAR 19, 2024 | JLM 9°C | 10:25 PM | 04:25 PM EST

WATCH! IDF destroys UNRWA compound in Gaza

A building of the terrorist organization UNRWA in Gaza was completely destroyed today by IDF forces.

• Newsrael News Desk • 15.02.2024

"UNRWA is a branch of Hamas! UNRWA is teaching the next generation how Israel must be destroyed! UNRWA must be kicked out of Israel!"

https://www.newsrael.com/posts/a2jskbekhke

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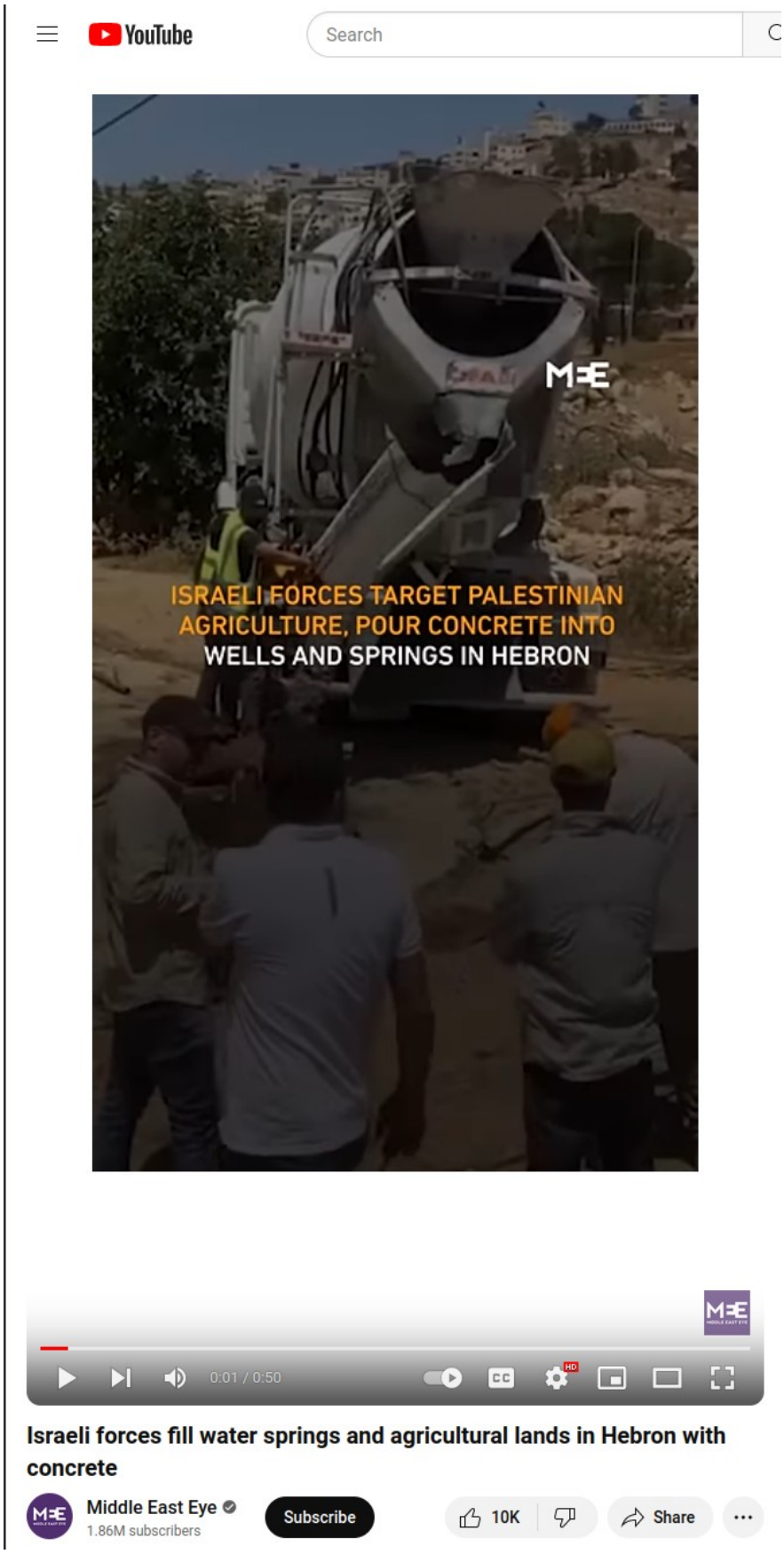

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Stop the Genocide

United States Complicity and Failure to Prevent the Israeli Government's Unfolding Genocide of Palestinians

November 13, 2023

The Israeli government is committing genocide against the Palestinian people in Gaza with unconditional U.S. support.

Genocide is the gravest of crimes under international law. As defined by the international Genocide Convention (1948), genocide refers to specific actions – such as killing or deliberately inflicting conditions of life calculated to bring about the destruction of a group in whole or in part – taken with the intention of destroying, in whole or in part, the group targeted, including on ethnic or national grounds.

Numerous Israeli government leaders have expressed clear genocidal intentions and deployed dehumanizing characterizations of Palestinians, including "human animals." At the same time, the Israeli military has bombed civilian areas and infrastructure, including by using chemical weapons, and deprived Palestinians of everything necessary for human life, including water, food, electricity, fuel, and medicine. Those statements of intent – when combined with mass killing, causing serious bodily and mental harm, and the total siege and closure creating conditions of life to bring about the physical destruction of the group – reveal evidence of an unfolding crime of genocide.

https://ccrjustice.org/stop-the-genocide

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

DEFENSE FOR CHILDREN INTERNATIONAL – PALESTINE; AL-HAQ; AHMED ABU ARTEMA; MOHAMMED AHMED ABU ROKBEH; MOHAMMAD HERZALLAH; A.N.; LAILA ELHADDAD; WAEIL ELBHASSI; BASIM ELKARRA; and DR. OMAR EL-NAJJAR Plaintiffs, v. JOSEPH R. BIDEN, JR., *President of the United States,* ANTONY J. BLINKEN, *Secretary of State,* LLOYD JAMES AUSTIN III, *Secretary of Defense,* in their official capacities, Defendants.	Case No.: 3:23-cv-5829 **COMPLAINT**

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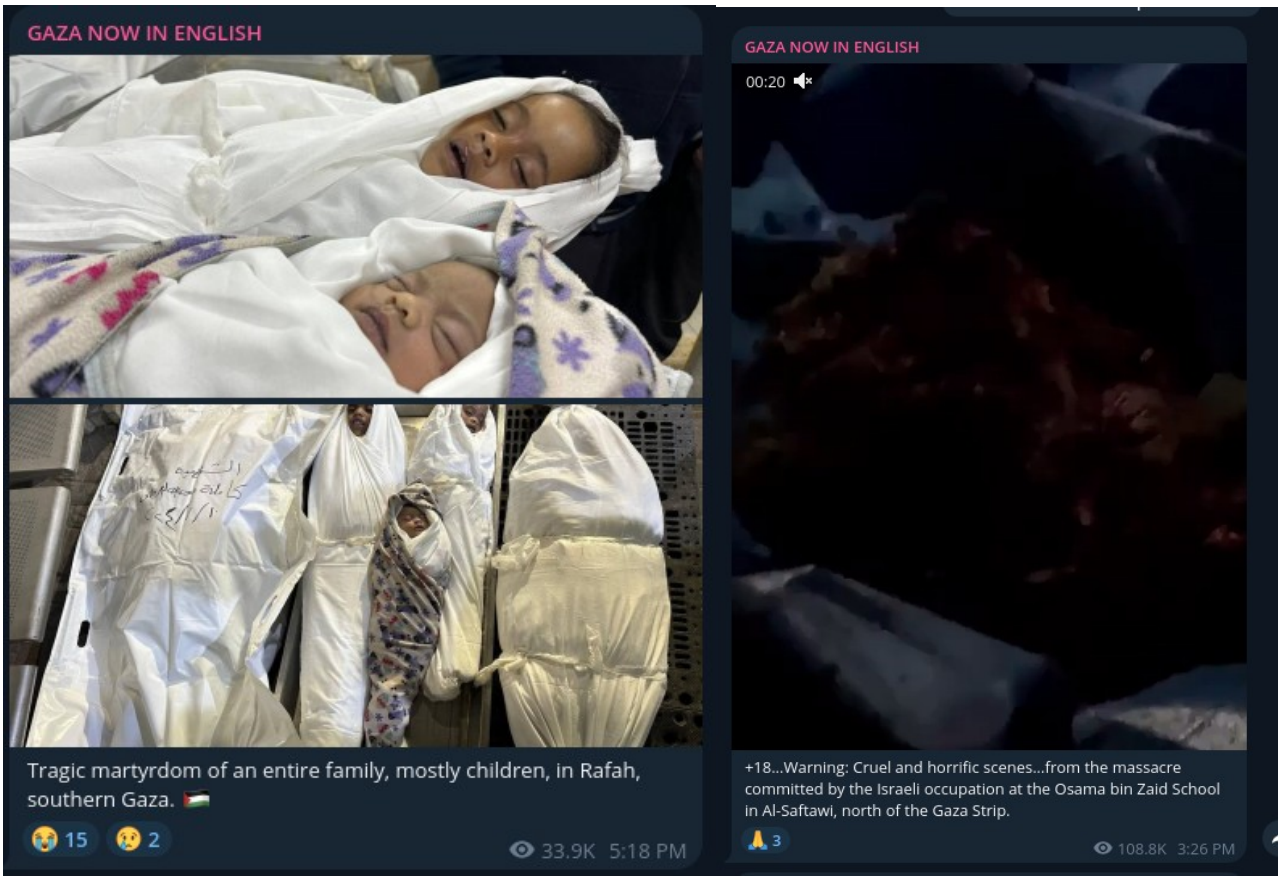
Joint Statement on Israel

Today, the leaders of France, Germany, Italy, the United Kingdom and the United States of America released the following joint statement following their call:

Today, we — President Macron of France, Chancellor Scholz of Germany, Prime Minister Meloni of Italy, Prime Minister Sunak of the United Kingdom, and President Biden of the United States — express our steadfast and united support to the State of Israel, and our unequivocal condemnation of Hamas and its appalling acts of terrorism.

https://il.usembassy.gov/joint-statement-on-israel/



Since the October 7th attacks, the Biden Administration has offered significant support to Israel in the form of military aid, and diplomatic backing at the United Nations. As the Palestinian death toll is estimated to have surpassed twenty-three thousand people, and the surviving population is facing a humanitarian crisis amid an Israeli bombardment, the White House has continued to express its "concern" about civilian casualties and the amount of aid reaching Gaza, while defending Israel's campaign. This has led to increasing criticism, both abroad and among some allies at home. Congress, however, has remained largely supportive of the war, even as the Administration has twice bypassed the legislature to make "emergency" weapons sales to Israel.

https://www.newyorker.com/news/q-and-a/how-the-biden-administration-defends-its-israel-policy

Washington, DC – "It's the price of waging a war."

Those were Joe Biden's words in late October, when the United States president was asked about civilian casualties in war-stricken Gaza.

More than 26,000 Palestinians have been killed in Gaza, with UN experts warning of the potential for famine and genocide.

Israel has garnered many superlatives in its decades-long relationship with the United States. It has been called an "ironclad" ally, an "unbreakable" friend, a "miracle".

And it remains the "leading global recipient" of US foreign military assistance, according to Biden's State Department.

A 2008 law mandates that the US protect Israel's "qualitative military edge" and it has continued to be the beneficiary of "some of the most advanced military equipment in the world".

That puts Israel in a league of its own, according to experts like Stephen Walt, a professor of international affairs at Harvard University.

https://www.aljazeera.com/news/longform/2024/1/30/strategic-interests-lobby-power-what-influences-bidens-israel-support

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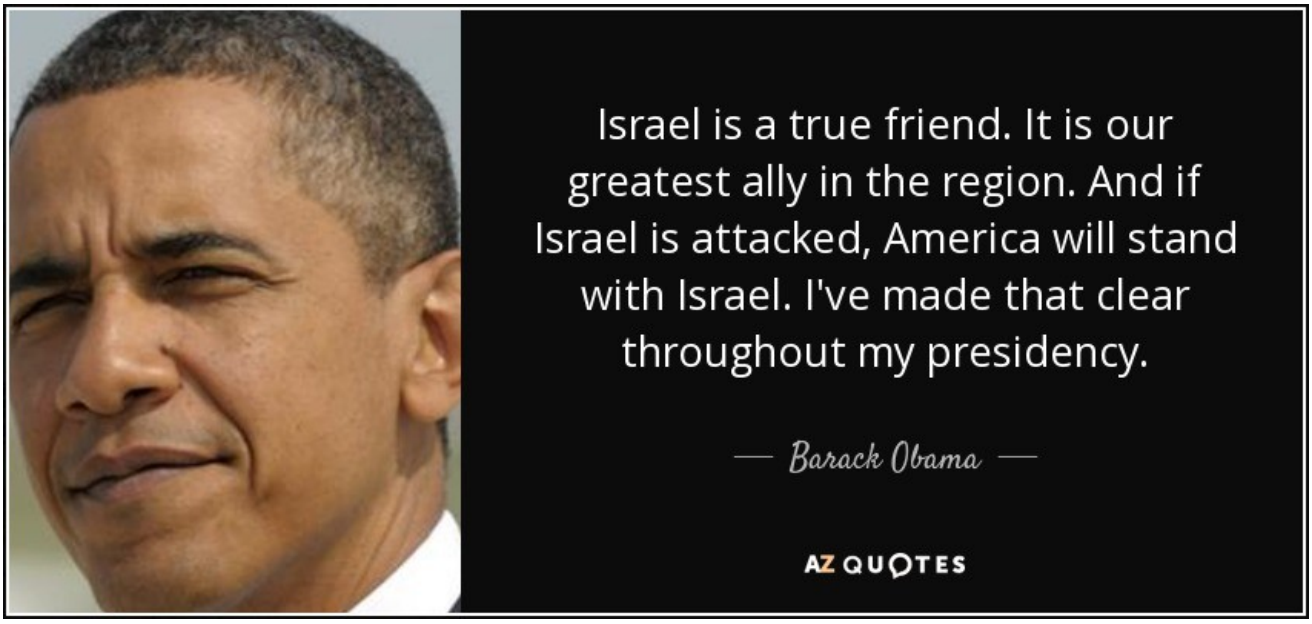

President Obama landed in Israel this morning, marking the first time he visits the country as president.

"I see this visit as an opportunity to reaffirm the unbreakable bond between our nations, to restate America's unwavering commitment to Israel's security and to speak directly to the people of Israel and to your neighbors," Obama said during a welcoming ceremony at the Tel Aviv airport.

https://www.npr.org/sections/thetwo-way/2013/03/20/174814019/arriving-in-israel-obama-reaffirms-an-unbreakable-bond

"The first bill that I'm going to bring to this floor will be in support of our dear friend Israel."

House Speaker Johnson, House of Representatives, Filmed by CSPAN

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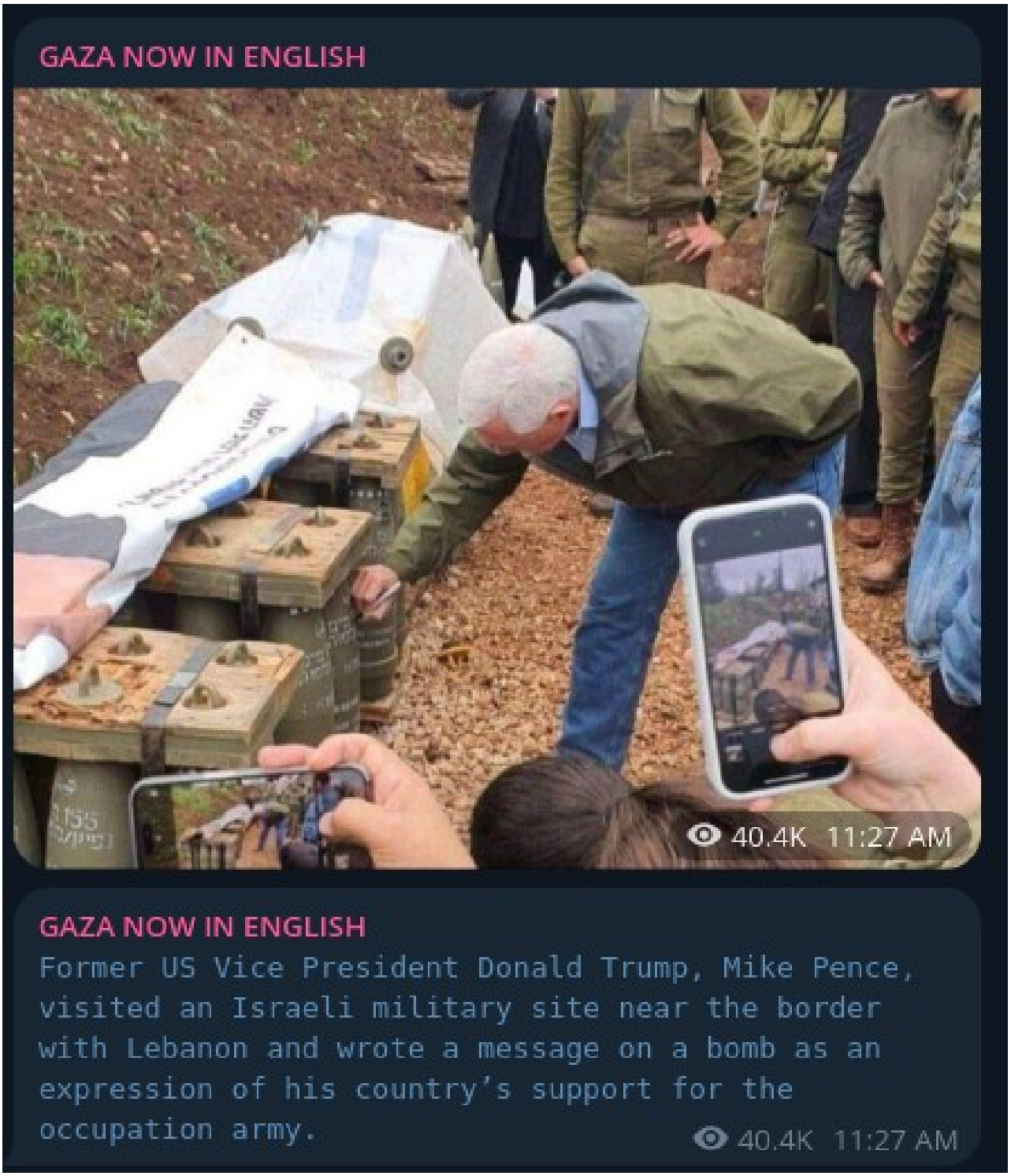

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Israeli occupation artillery targets the southern neighborhood of the town of Khiam, southern Lebanon.

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Israeli airstrikes target residential areas in the town of al-Houla, southern Lebanon.

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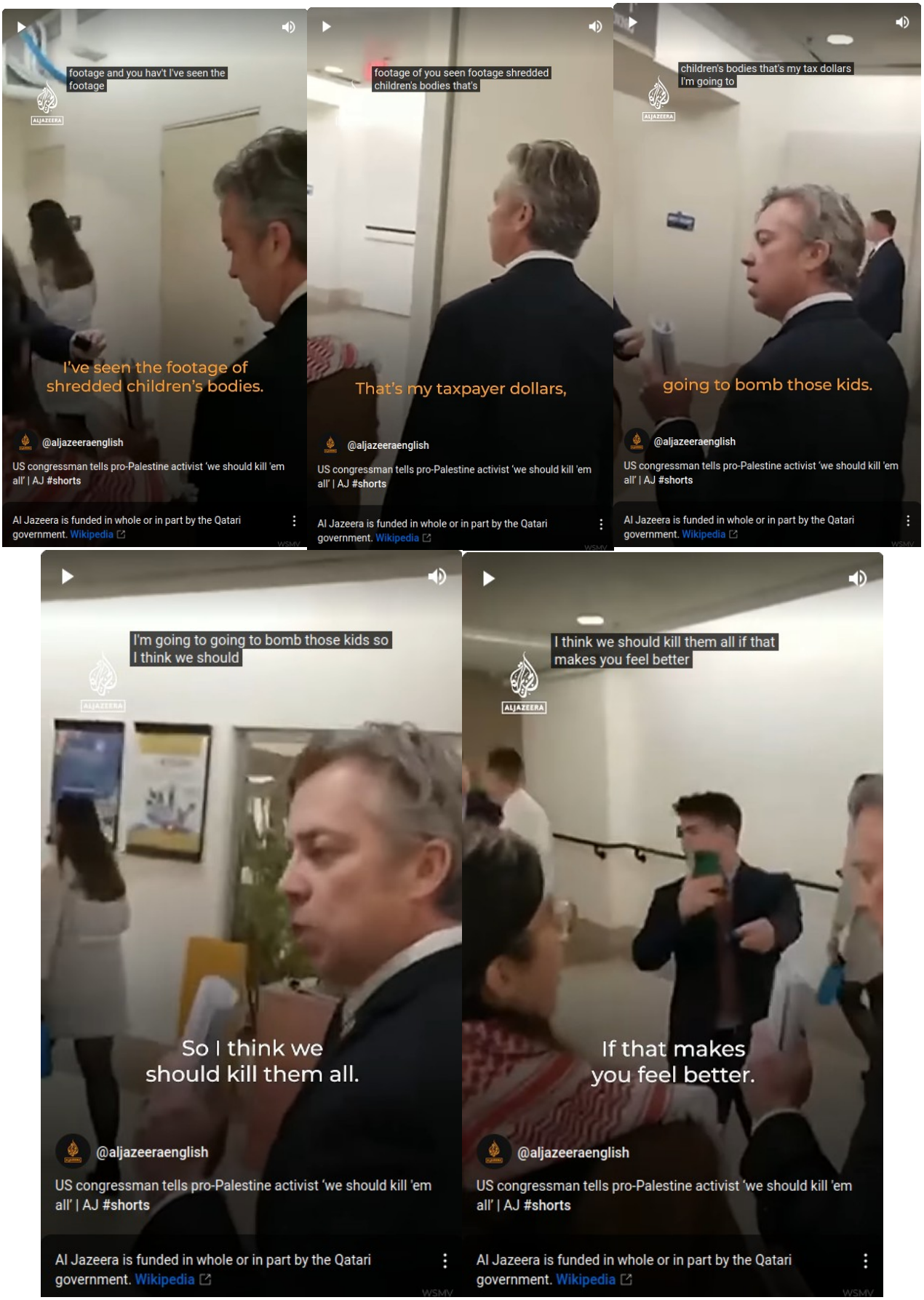
“Kill Them All” – U.S. Congressman Andy Ogles



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William Andrew Ogles IV (born June 18, 1971) is an American politician and businessman who has served as the U.S. representative for Tennessee's 5th congressional district since 2023. A member of the Republican Party, he served as the mayor of Maury County, Tennessee, from 2018 to 2022.

Ogles has worked as a conservative activist, serving as the executive director of the Laffer Center, a think tank supportive of fiscal conservatism and the free market, and the Tennessee chapter of Americans for Prosperity.

Ogles has taken strongly conservative positions and been described by media as on the far-right of the political spectrum.[1] He opposes abortion and same-sex marriage. During the attempts to overturn the 2020 United States presidential election, Ogles falsely claimed that it was stolen, and was one of the original 19 congressmen to vote against Kevin McCarthy for Speaker of the House.

Early life and education [edit]

Ogles was born on June 18, 1971. He describes himself as "a Maury County native with deep family roots in Tennessee dating back to the founding of the state."[2] Ogles graduated from Franklin High School and later attended Western Kentucky University and Columbia State Community College from 1990 to 1993, studying allied language arts and English.[3]

Ogles later studied at Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU), where he failed every course taken in the fall of 1995 and the fall of 1998; he returned to the university in 2007 and graduated with a 2.4 grade point average, with a Bachelor of Science in Liberal Studies.[3][4] *The Washington Post* described Liberal Studies as "a general education degree typically for those who cannot settle on a major"; *NewsChannel 5* gave a similar description.[4][5] Ogles said in late February 2023 that his failed university courses were due to "an interfamilial matter" that led him to abandon his studies "to financially support my family during a difficult time"; and that he eventually completed his studies with online courses.[6][7]

Andy Ogles

Official portrait, 2022

Member of the U.S. House of Representatives from Tennessee's 5th district

Incumbent

Assumed office
January 3, 2023

Preceded by Jim Cooper

Mayor of Maury County

In office
September 1, 2018 – August 30, 2022

Preceded by Charlie Norman

Succeeded by Sheila Butt

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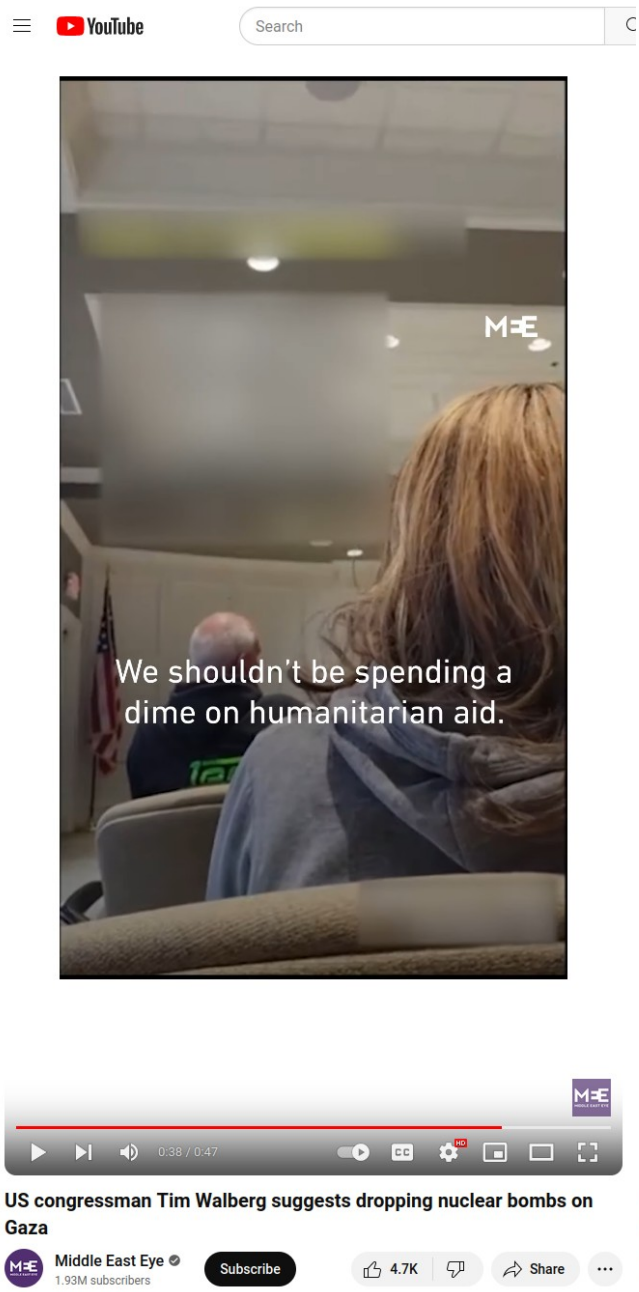

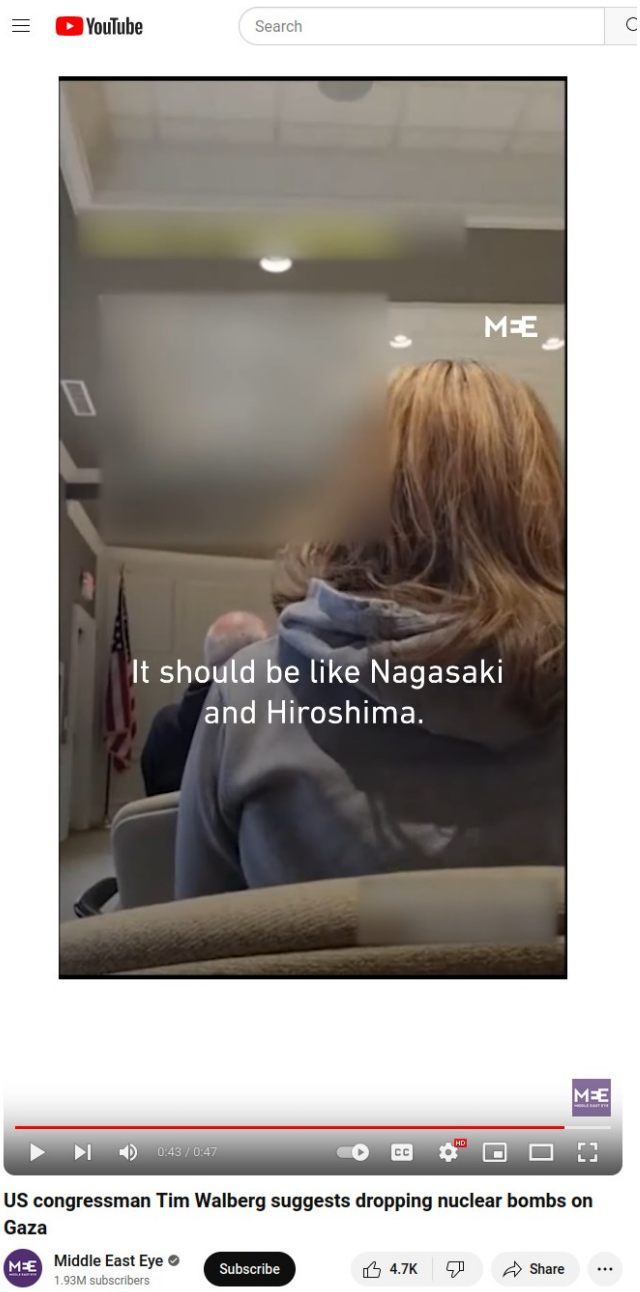

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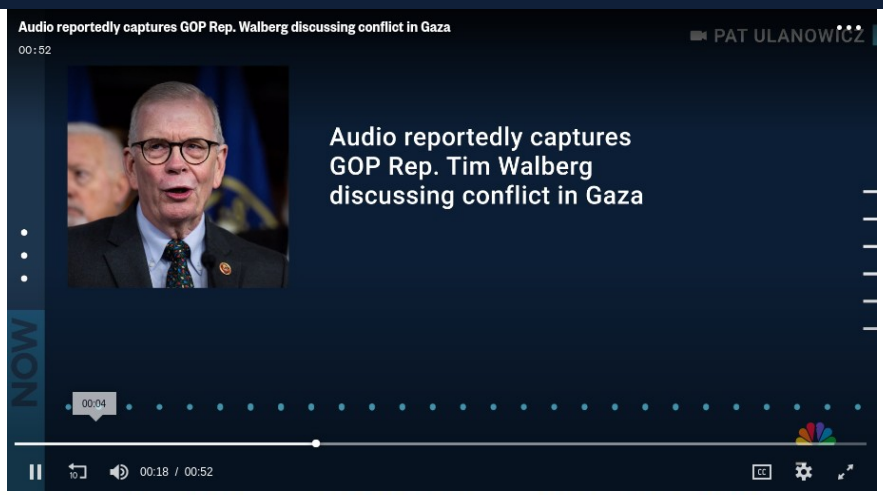
ISRAEL-HAMAS WAR

GOP Rep. Tim Walberg suggests Gaza should be handled 'like Nagasaki and Hiroshima'

The Michigan congressman said his comments were intended to convey his desire for Israel and Ukraine to "swiftly" end their wars "without putting American troops in harm's way."



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By Rebecca Cohen

Rep. Tim Walberg, R-Mich., said this week that the conflict in Gaza should be over quickly "like Nagasaki and Hiroshima," and the United States should refrain from sending any humanitarian aid to the besieged enclave as Israel's war with Hamas continues.

"We shouldn't be spending a dime on humanitarian aid," Walberg said at a town hall meeting on Monday in Dundee, Michigan, according to a video that circulated on social media.

"It should be like Nagasaki and Hiroshima. Get it over quick," he continued, referring to the Japanese cities on which the U.S. dropped atomic bombs during World War II. Hundreds of thousands of people died.

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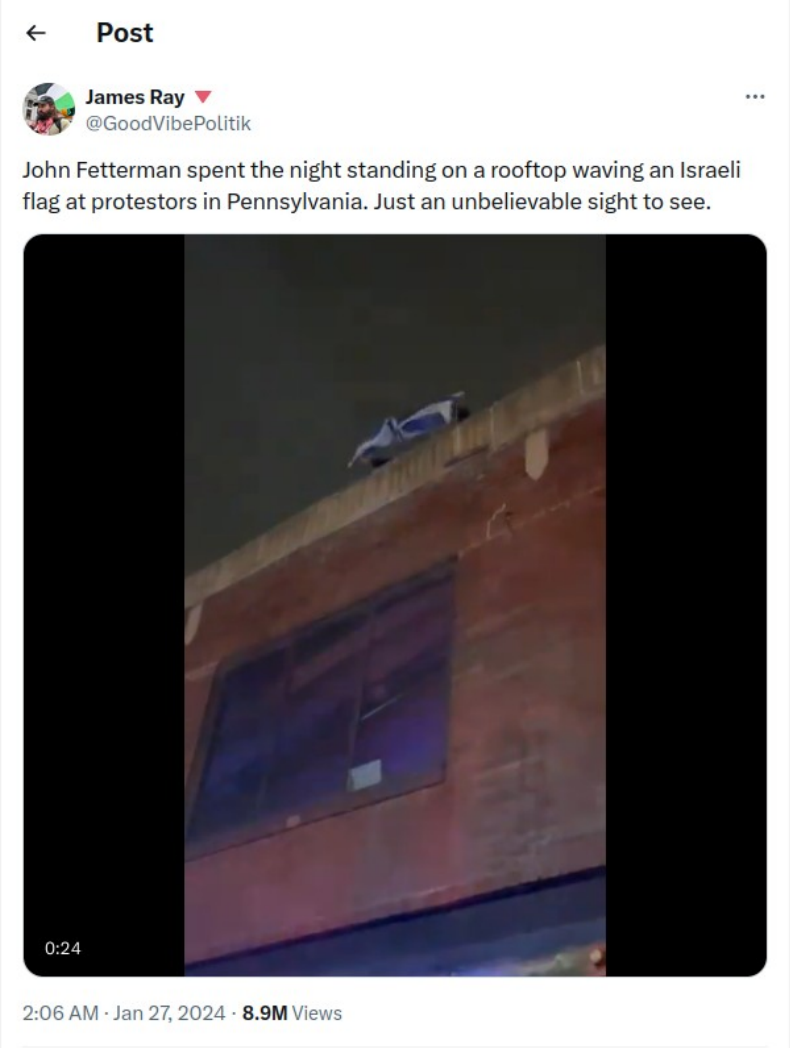

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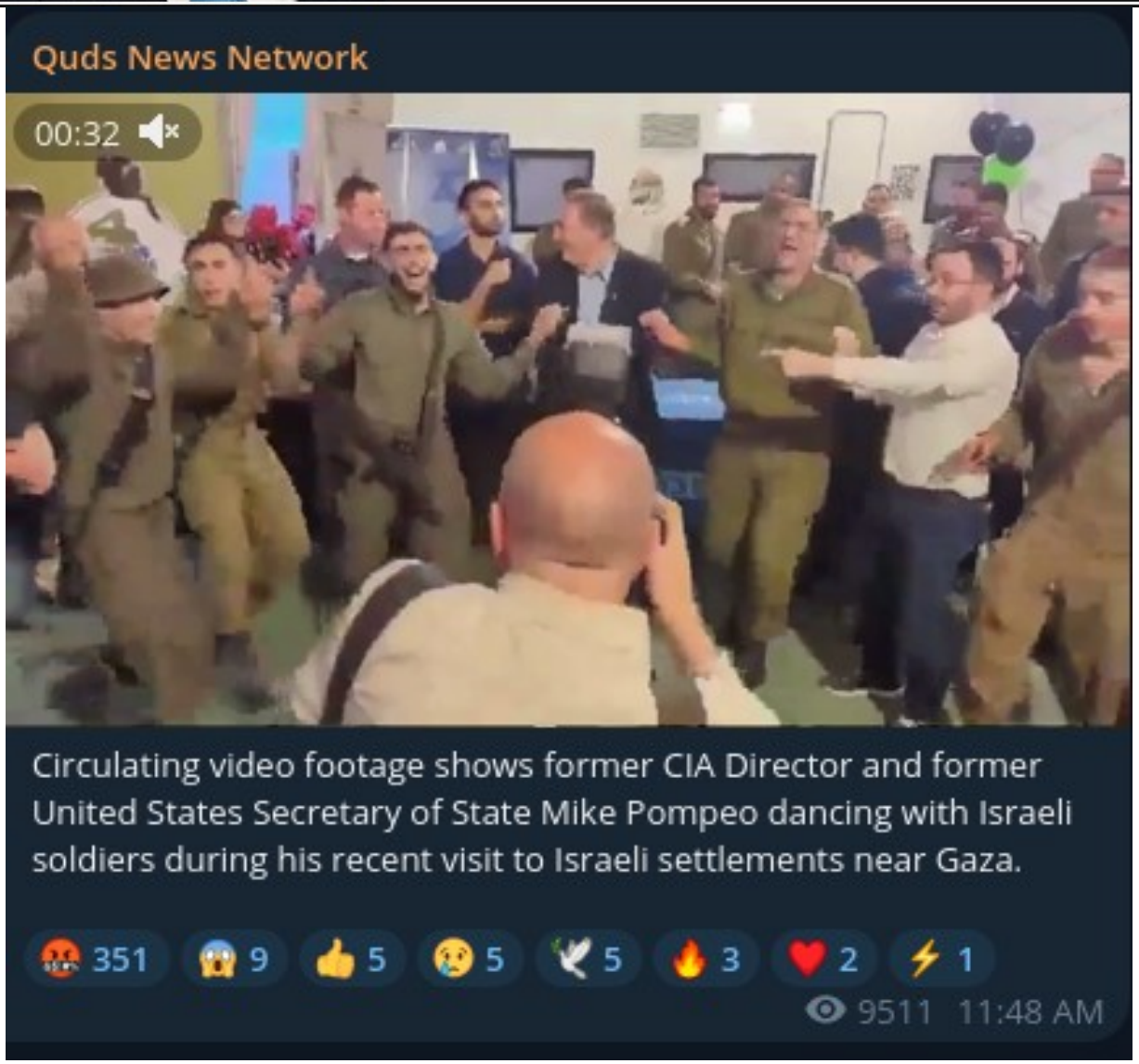

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Trump breaks silence on Israel's military campaign in Gaza: 'Finish the problem'

PALM BEACH, Fla. – Former President Donald Trump declared Tuesday that Israel must "finish the problem" in its war against Hamas, his most definitive position on the conflict since the terror group killed 1,200 Israelis and took more than 200 hostages on Oct. 7.

"You've got to finish the problem," Trump said on Fox News on Tuesday when asked about the war. "You had a horrible invasion that took place that would have never happened if I was president."

When asked on the program whether he supported a cease-fire in Gaza, Trump demurred, avoiding an explicit position on Israel's military effort that has now also left more than 30,000 people dead in Gaza, according to the Palestinian Health Ministry. The likely 2024 Republican nominee has not provided his own position on U.S. or Israel's strategy throughout the five months of the war.

https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/donald-trump/trump-israel-gaza-finish-problem-rcna141905

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Media coverage | During an interview at Harvard University, Jared Kushner, Donald Trump's son-in-law, praised the "very valuable" potential of Gaza's "waterfront property" and suggested that Israel should remove Palestinians while it "cleans up" the strip.

The former senior foreign policy adviser during Trump's presidency also proposed that Israel should bulldoze an area of the Negev desert and move Palestinians there, adding that Palestinians should never return to Gaza after the war. He stated, "I am not sure there is much left of Gaza at this point," before emphasizing that Gaza is not "really a historical precedent."

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HAMAS-ISRAEL WAR

The child who was shot in his sleep still thinks it was a nightmare and is trying to wake up.

You are doing nothing to save these children, politics dialog diplomacy be damned.

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Genocidal Intent of the United States: Blocking U.N. Food and Aid Funding

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Government funding deal includes ban on U.S. aid to UNRWA, a key relief agency in Gaza, until 2025, sources say

By Margaret Brennan, Richard Escobedo
Updated on: March 21, 2024 / 5:15 AM EDT / CBS News

The deal on a massive appropriations bill reached between Congress and the White House will include a ban on all direct U.S. funding for the main humanitarian agency operating in Gaza, the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees, until March 2025, three sources with knowledge of the negotiations confirmed to CBS News.

The White House did not mention the cut in aid when it voiced broad support Tuesday for the deal in principle reached with Congress, which President Biden pledged to sign immediately if passed.

UNRWA, which provides education, healthcare and social services in the West Bank, Jordan, Lebanon and Syria for an estimated six million Palestinian refugees, says that a cutoff in aid would create "a huge gap" in the agency's funding.

https://www.cbsnews.com/amp/news/israel-gaza-government-funding-deal-includes-ban-on-u-s-aid-to-unrwa-until-2025-sources/

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TITLE III—FUNDING LIMITATION FOR UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND WORKS AGENCY

SEC. 301. FUNDING LIMITATION.

Notwithstanding any other provision of any other division of this Act, funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act or other Acts making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs, including provisions of Acts providing supplemental appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs, may not be used for a contribution, grant, or other payment to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency, notwithstanding any other provision of law—

(1) for any amounts provided in prior fiscal years or in fiscal year 2024; or

(2) for amounts provided in fiscal year 2025, until March 25, 2025.

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Genocidal Intent of the United States – Blackmail: We Will Defund the Palestinian Authority if Cooperation in U.N. War Crimes Investigation Against Israel, and Starve Kids to Death

https://www.cnn.com/2024/03/21/politics/read-text-of-government-funding-package/index.html

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(A)(i) None of the funds appropriated under the heading "Economic Support Fund" in this Act may be made available for assistance for the Palestinian Authority, if after the date of enactment of this Act—

(I) the Palestinians obtain the same standing as member states or full membership as a state in the United Nations or any specialized agency thereof outside an agreement negotiated between Israel and the Palestinians; or

(II) the Palestinians initiate an International Criminal Court (ICC) judicially authorized investigation, or actively support such an investigation, that subjects Israeli nationals to an investigation for alleged crimes against Palestinians.

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Genocidal Intent of the United States: There Are No Limits

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The president stressed that the "defense of Israel is still crucial, so there's no red lines [where] I'm going to cut off all weapons" and he said, "I'm never going to leave Israel." Biden did not spell out what consequences, if any, the Israeli government would face if it crossed the red line and actually launched an assault on Rafah, and the president sapped his warning of any force it might have had by adding so many qualifications of what he would not do.

No Limit? Israeli Tanks Crush Civilians:

Eye on Palestine

More on this egregious incident documented by a researcher:

Picture was taken on Feb 29 in the afternoon in al-Zeitoun area at the Salah al-Din road near the Star factory

Witnesses say the IOF detained & interrogated the victim before he was driven over by an armored vehicle.

The victim was zip-tied by the IOF

The body was driven over from the legs upwards, meaning the victim may have been alive while being crushed inch by inch

The distinct tracks of an IDF military bulldozer or tank are visible on the victim's body & the surrounding area.

The zip-tie means he was first detained by the IDF (& likely tortured) before they crushed him

1000s of Israelis are celebrating & rejoicing this pure savagery!

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Israeli Centurian tank in Beirut, 1982

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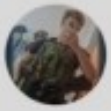

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Pov: average Israeli soldier

A second later I accidentally ran over it with a Merkava Mark 4 tank weighing 65 tons and 1500 horse power :)

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An Israeli soldier, sharing on Twitter X, published a short video showing a Palestinian lying on the ground from the window of his tank.

He wrote the following on the post:

"One minute later, I unintentionally ran over him with a 65-ton, 1,500-horsepower Merkava Mark 4 tank."

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Syrian Girl
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Israeli terrorists crush the body of Palestian Amjad Shaheen after murdering him in the west bank.

The IDF are demons from hell, and should be treated accordingly.

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The picture speaks for itself...a scene from Gaza now

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Israel bombs ambulance convoy near Gaza's largest hospital

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said he was 'horrified' by the attack.

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'We are dying slowly:' Palestinians are eating grass and drinking polluted water as famine looms across Gaza

By Sana Noor Haq and Rosa Rahimi, CNN

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Israel blocks entry of food and aid supplies, kills starving civilians in attempt to forcibly displace Palestinians from northern Gaza [EN/AR]

News and Press Release • **Source:** Euro-Med Monitor • **Posted:** 1 Mar 2024 • **Originally published:** 1 Mar 2024 • **Origin:** View original

Geneva - Israel is deliberately deepening the catastrophic starvation crisis for all Gazans, Euro-Med Human Rights Monitor stated, by depriving them of food and basic necessities. The rights group said that obstructing the entry and distribution of humanitarian supplies, especially in Gaza City and the northern Strip, demonstrates Israel's aim of forcibly displacing the Palestinian people there.

Primary country: occupied Palestinian territory

Source: Euro-Mediterranean Human Rights Monitor

Format: News and Press Release

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GAZA NOW IN ENGLISH

Warning.. Painful scenes.. "Who will stop black hatred?".. Gaza martyrs 🇵🇸

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Effects radii for a 2,000lb aircraft bomb

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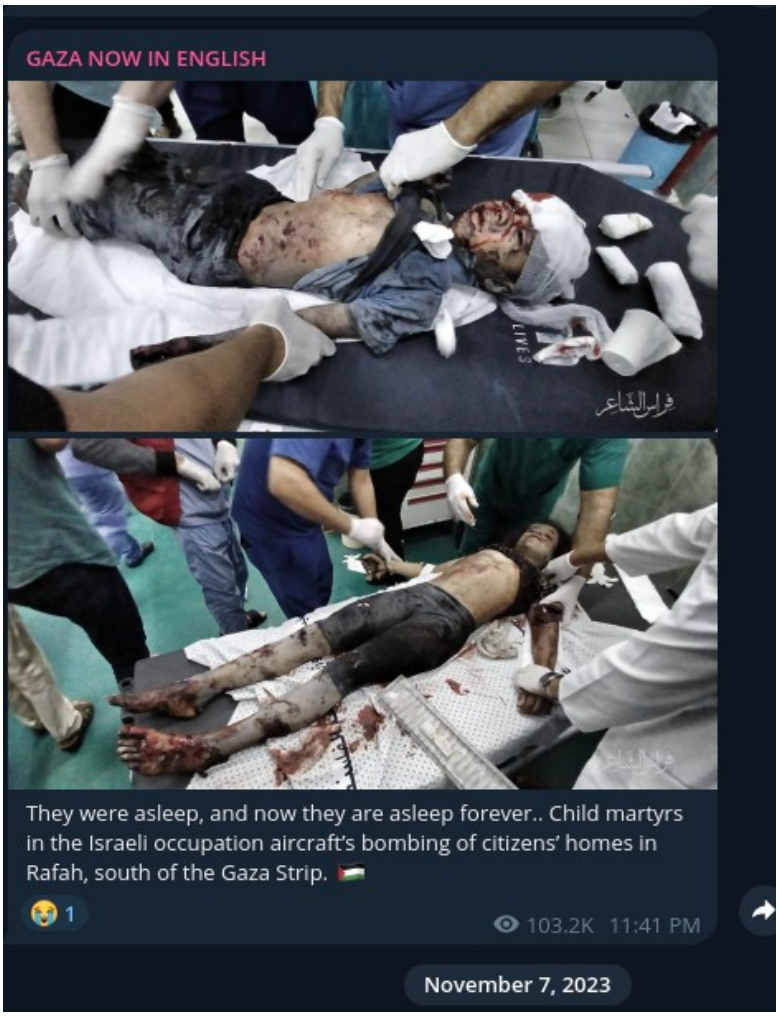
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They were asleep, and now they are asleep forever.. Child martyrs in the Israeli occupation aircraft's bombing of citizens' homes in Rafah, south of the Gaza Strip.
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The answer is no.
There is no limit.
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Nearly 300 Congress Members Declare Commitment to 'Unbreakable' U.S.-Israel Bond

Letter to Clinton underscores Biden remarks that there is 'no space' when it comes to Israel's security.

Nearly 300 members of Congress have signed on to a declaration reaffirming their commitment to "the unbreakable bond that exists between [U.S.] and the State of Israel", in a letter to Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.

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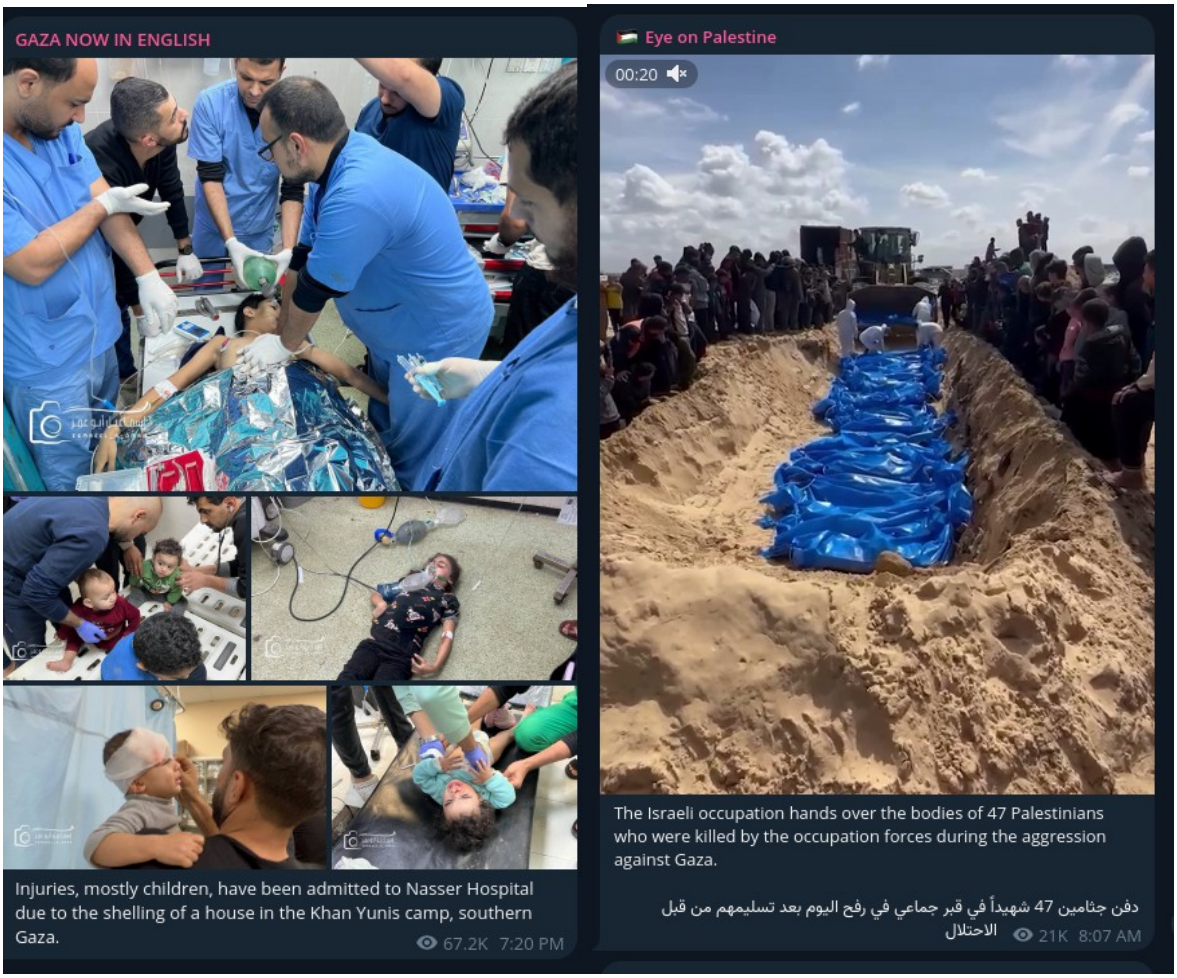
In the House of Representatives, U. S.,

October 25, 2023.

Whereas under the 2016 U.S.-Israel Memorandum of Understanding, the United States pledged to provide Israel $3.3 billion per year in Foreign Military Financing Program assistance and $500 million per year in missile defense for 10 years, which Congress has appropriated annually;

Whereas section 1273 of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 authorized not less than $3.3 billion in Foreign Military Financing Program assistance for Israel for each of the fiscal years 2021 through 2028, in accordance with the 2016 U.S.-Israel Memorandum of Understanding;



Whereas Israel is a major non-NATO ally and Major Strategic Partner of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

(7) reaffirms the United States' commitment to Israel's security, including through security assistance in accordance with the 2016 U.S.-Israel Memorandum of Understanding;

(11) stands ready to assist Israel with emergency resupply and other security, diplomatic, and intelligence support.

https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-resolution/771,
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IDF Destroying Mosques

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"During Ramadan, now is the best time to kill them." said Almog Cohen, an Israeli Knesset Member, during a TV interview, calling on the Israeli Prime Minister to take advantage of Ramadan to invade Rafah City and kill Palestinians while they are tired and fasting.

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To all those celebrating around the world, we wish you a happy holiday! #Ramadan

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Media Coverage | Israeli media reports that Israeli extremist Minister of National Security, Ben Gvir, is advocating for Israeli settlers to be permitted to storm into Al-Aqsa Mosque during the final days of Ramadan.

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The Israel Lobby: AIPAC Controls Congress

The Intercept_

AFTER HOUSE SPEAKER MIKE JOHNSON PUSHED THROUGH ISRAEL AID PACKAGE, AIPAC CASH CAME FLOWING IN

The pro-Israel lobby donated around $95,000 to Johnson after he led the House passage of an extra $14 billion for Israel.

Catherine Caruso

January 20 2024, 6:00 a.m.

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Speaker of the House Rep. Mike Johnson, R-La., in the House chamber at the U.S. Capitol on Oct. 25, 2023, in Washington, D.C. Photo: Win McNamee/Getty Images

THE AMERICAN ISRAEL Public Affairs Committee, or AIPAC, donated around $95,000 to Rep. Mike Johnson, R-La., in November, according to The Intercept's analysis of Federal Election Commission records. The pro-Israel lobbying group was Johnson's top donor in 2023, pouring money into his campaign coffers just after he led the passage of a $14 billion aid package to Israel.

AIPAC's political action committee donated a total of $104,000 to Johnson last year, with the majority of payments coming since the start of the Gaza war and after Johnson was elected House Speaker in late October. That's more than four times the roughly $25,000 the group donated to his last congressional campaign, when it was also his top donor, as The Intercept previously reported.

https://theintercept.com/2024/01/20/israel-aipac-house-mike-johnson/

AIPAC was among the top 20 spenders in the 2022 elections. Here's ...

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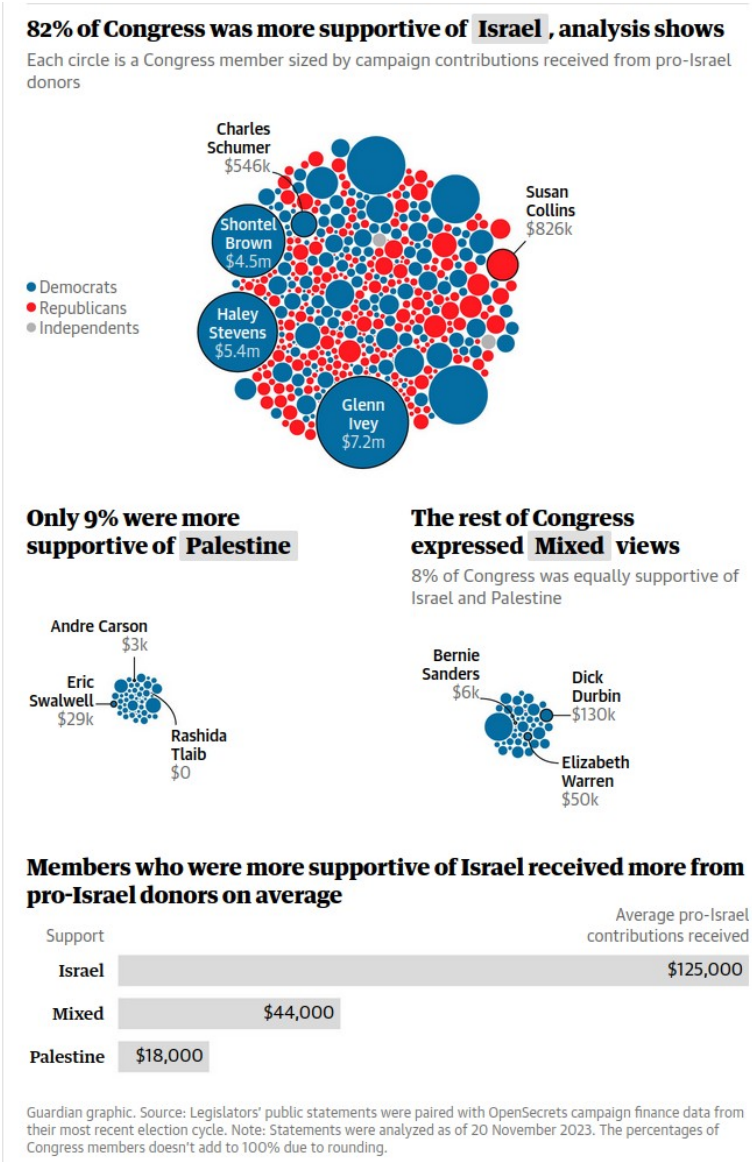

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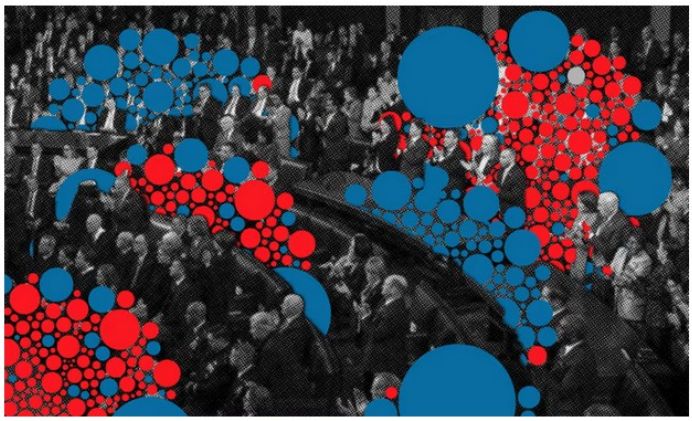
Revealed: Congress backers of Gaza war received most from pro-Israel donors

Guardian analysis finds top recipients of pro-Israel contributions in last elections were centrist Democrats who defeated progressives in primaries



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Tom Perkins, *with data reporting by* **Will Craft**

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Congress members who were more supportive of Israel at the start of the Gaza war received over $100,000 more on average from pro-Israel donors during their last election than those who most supported Palestine, a Guardian analysis of campaign data shows.

Those who took more money most often called for US military support and backed Israel's response, even as Gaza's civilian death toll mounted, the findings show. The analysis, which looks at positions taken during the war's first six weeks, does not prove any particular member changed their position because they received pro-Israel campaign donations. However, some campaign finance experts who viewed the data argue that donor spending helped fuel Congress's overwhelming support for Israel.

The analysis compared campaign contributions from pro-Israel groups and individuals to almost every member of the current Congress with each lawmaker's statements on the war through mid-November.

About 82% of Congress members were more supportive of Israel, and just 9% more supportive of Palestine during this period. The remainder had "mixed" views. Legislators categorized as supportive of Israel received about $125,000 on average during their last election, while those supportive of Palestine on average took about $18,000.

The volume and breadth of the donors' spending is considerable: over $58m went to current Congress members, and all but 33 received donations.

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Menendez, Robert (D-NJ)	New Jersey	$2,500,005
Clinton, Hillary (D-NY)	New York	$2,361,812
Kirk, Mark (R-IL)	Illinois	$2,294,469
Lieberman, Joe (D-CT)	Connecticut	$1,999,274
McConnell, Mitch (R-KY)	Kentucky	$1,954,160
Schumer, Charles E (D-NY)	New York	$1,725,324
McCain, John (R-AZ)	Arizona	$1,494,066
Cruz, Ted (R-TX)	Texas	$1,432,806
Wyden, Ron (D-OR)	Oregon	$1,279,376
Levin, Carl (D-MI)	Michigan	$1,245,913
Perdue, David (R-GA)	Georgia	$1,139,708
Durbin, Dick (D-IL)	Illinois	$1,127,770
Specter, Arlen (D-PA)	Pennsylvania	$1,071,495
Feingold, Russ (D-WI)	Wisconsin	$1,034,766
Rubio, Marco (R-FL)	Florida	$1,013,563
Graham, Lindsey (R-SC)	South Carolina	$1,000,580
Romney, Mitt (R-UT)	Utah	$975,993
Warnock, Raphael (D-GA)	Georgia	$928,350
Cardin, Ben (D-MD)	Maryland	$913,485

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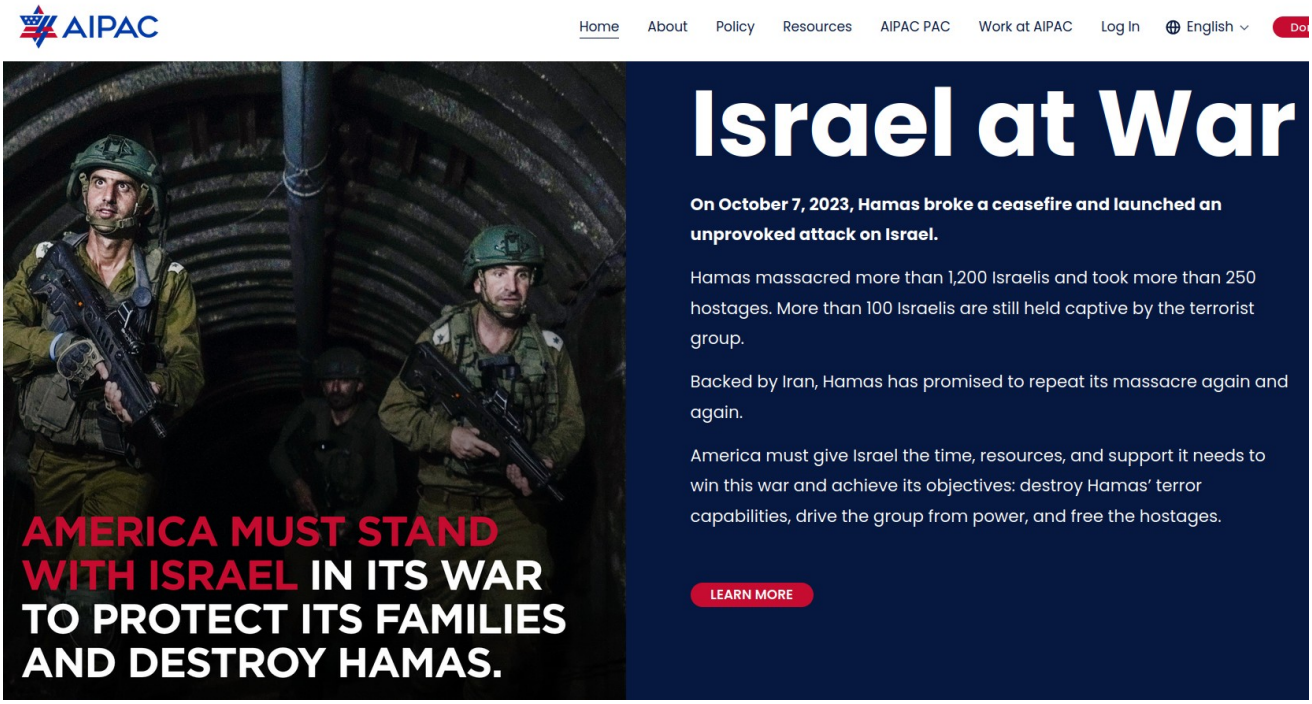
US Secretary of Defense Austin Spoke at AIPAC:



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The **American Israel Public Affairs Committee** (**AIPAC** /ˈeɪpæk/ *AY-pak*) is a lobbying group that advocates pro-Israel policies to the legislative and executive branches of the United States.[4] One of several pro-Israel lobbying organizations in the United States,[5] AIPAC states that it has over 100,000 members,[6] 17 regional offices, and "a vast pool of donors".[7] In addition, the organization has been called one of the most powerful lobbying groups in the United States.[7]

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/AIPAC

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SPEECH

Remarks by Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III at the AIPAC Political Leadership Forum (As Delivered)

Jan. 10, 2023

You know, that relationship is rooted in more than just shared interests. It's rooted in the shared values of democracy, and freedom, and the rule of law.

So let me be clear from the very start.

America's commitment to Israel's security is ironclad.

[Applause]

It is not negotiable.

And it never will be.

[Applause]

And as President Biden put it when he visited Israel last July, "The connection between the Israeli people and the American people is bone-deep. It's bone-deep. And generation after generation, that connection grows."

And so ladies and gentlemen, it's our duty to reinforce that bond—to keep it bipartisan, vigorous, and strong.

[Applause]

And I made that clear again last Wednesday when I spoke to Israeli Minister of Defense Gallant, and that was my first conversation this year with one of my foreign counterparts.

Israel's security is a core interest of the United States. That's held true under both Democratic and Republican presidents.

https://www.defense.gov/News/Speeches/Speech/Article/3264271/remarks-by-secretary-of-defense-lloyd-j-austin-iii-at-the-aipac-political-leade/

US Military Base in Israel:

The Intercept_

U.S. QUIETLY EXPANDS SECRET MILITARY BASE IN ISRAEL

Government documents pointing to construction at a classified U.S. base offer rare hints about a little noted U.S. military presence near Gaza.

Ken Klippenstein, Daniel Boguslaw

October 27 2023, 11:55 a.m.

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U.S. Air Force airmen hand off cargo to the Israeli military at Nevatim Air Base, Israel, on Oct. 15, 2023. Photo: Edgar Grimaldo/U.S. Air Force

TWO MONTHS BEFORE Hamas attacked Israel, the Pentagon awarded a multimillion-dollar contract to build U.S. troop facilities for a secret base it maintains deep within Israel's Negev desert, just 20 miles from Gaza. Code-named "Site 512," the longstanding U.S. base is a radar facility that monitors the skies for missile attacks on Israel.

The $35.8 million U.S. troop facility, not publicly announced or previously reported, was obliquely referenced in an August 2 contract announcement by the Pentagon. Though the Defense Department has taken pains to obscure the site's true nature – describing it in other records merely as a "classified worldwide" project – budget documents reviewed by The Intercept reveal that it is part of Site 512. (The Pentagon did not immediately respond to a request for comment.)

https://theintercept.com/2023/10/27/secret-military-base-israel-gaza-site-512/, https://archive.is/qyJjb

U.S. Department of Defense

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Contracts For Aug. 2, 2023

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Bryan Ashush JV, Colorado Springs, Colorado, was awarded a $35,889,240 firm-fixed-price contract for the construction of a life-support area. Bids were solicited via the internet with five received. Work will be performed in Israel, with an estimated completion date of Aug. 30, 2026. Fiscal 2023 military construction, Army funds in the amount of $35,889,240 were obligated at the time of the award. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, European District, is the contracting activity (W912GB-23-C-0005).

https://www.defense.gov/News/Contracts/Contract/Article/3480934/

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EXCLUSIVE NATIONAL SECURITY

U.S. and Israel's 'Unprecedented' Intelligence Sharing Draws Criticism

As deaths mount in Gaza, some question whether American-provided information is adding to the humanitarian crisis

By Warren P. Strobel and Nancy A. Youssef

Updated March 31, 2024 2:45 pm ET

WASHINGTON—A secret memorandum that expanded intelligence sharing with Israel after the Oct. 7 Hamas attack has led to growing concerns in Washington about whether the information is contributing to civilian deaths, according to people familiar with the issue.

Among the worries is that there is little independent oversight to confirm that U.S.-supplied intelligence isn't used in strikes that unnecessarily kill civilians or damage infrastructure, the people said.

The secret U.S.-Israeli intelligence-sharing agreement has received less public scrutiny than U.S. weapons sales to Israel. But it is prompting increasing questions from Democratic lawmakers and human-rights groups, even as alarm mounts within the Biden administration over how Israel is conducting its military campaign in Gaza following Hamas's Oct. 7 attacks, which killed about 1,200 Israelis.

The intelligence sharing with Israel is conducted under a secret memorandum that the White House issued shortly after Hamas's Oct. 7 attack and amended a few days later, U.S. officials said. At about the same time, the U.S. expanded its intelligence collection on Gaza, having largely relied on Israel to spy on the enclave in recent years.

At the start of the war, the U.S. intelligence community framed guidelines for sharing intelligence with their Israeli counterparts, but top White House policymakers ultimately determine whether any violation has occurred, people familiar with the process said.

https://archive.is/LdF40, https://www.wsj.com/politics/national-security/u-s-and-israels-unprecedented-intelligence-sharing-draws-criticism-a85979b4

U.S. Airman Aaron Bushnell Stated U.S. Troops Participating In Israeli Ground Operations

NEW YORK POST

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US NEWS EXCLUSIVE

US airman Aaron Bushnell claimed to have classified knowledge of US forces fighting in Gaza tunnels on night before setting himself on fire: pal

By Jack Morphet , Andy Tillett and Kate Sheehy
Published Feb. 27, 2024, 7:56 p.m. ET

"His actual job involves the processing of intelligence data. Some of what he was processing had to do with the Israeli Gaza conflict."

"One of the things he told me is that coming across his desk … was the US military was involved in the genocides going on in Palestine," the friend said, referring to Israel's war against the Palestinian terror group Hamas in Gaza.

"He told me on Saturday that we have troops in those tunnels, that it's US soldiers participating in the killings," claimed the pal, whose ties to Bushnell have been verified by The Post.

"His actual job involves the processing of intelligence data. Some of what he was processing had to do with the Israeli Gaza conflict."

“He told me that we had troops on the ground, you know, that were there and were killing large numbers of Palestinians.

“There’s just too many things I don’t know, but I can tell you that the tone of his voice just had something in it that told me he was scared,” the buddy said.

Bushnell set himself on fire to protest the U.S. Government’s involvement in the Gaza genocide. He died from his injuries. https://nypost.com/2024/02/27/us-news/aaron-bushnell-claimed-secret-knowledge-of-us-forces-in-gaza/

Quds News Network

A large banner in California, US, honors Aaron Bushnell, the American soldier who self-immolated outside the Israeli embassy in Washington, expressing solidarity with Gaza and rejecting the genocide committed by the Israeli occupation with American support.

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Criminalization of Opposition to Israel in the U.S. Military:

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Arkansas Senator Tom Cotton wants to crackdown on the next 'Hamas sympathiser Aaron Bushnell'

Senator Tom Cotton also introduced the Stop Pro-Terrorist Riots Now Act, in which he characterised pro-Palestinian protests as 'anti-Semitic pro-Hamas riots'

Tom Cotton, United States Senator (R) from Arkansas, speaking at the AIPAC (American Israel Public Affairs Committee) Policy Conference at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center - 2018 [Getty]

US Senator Tom Cotton (R-Arkansas) has unveiled two new pieces of legislation aimed at restricting security clearances and demonstration rights for pro-Palestinian government workers and contractors, following the self-immolation of US airman Aaron Bushnell outside the Israeli embassy in Washington, D.C. on February 25th.

The announcement was made on Thursday in a statement posted to Cotton's website, in which he suggested the actions of Bushnell and others who rallied in his memory as sympathetic with 'terrorists' and Palestinian armed resistance group Hamas.

Sen. Cotton said "anyone who supports Hamas or any other terrorist group should not receive a security clearance", adding that active-duty military personnel should not be permitted to engage in protests deemed to threaten US national security or its allies such as Israel.

The first bill, titled the "No Clearances for Terrorist Sympathizers Act," seeks to revoke or deny security clearances to individuals found to express support for foreign terrorist organizations, including the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps designated as such by the US government.

The second bill, the "Prohibiting Certain Off Post Protests Act," would formally codify a ban preventing certain military members from participating in 'off-base' demonstrations.

https://www.newarab.com/news/us-senator-tom-cotton-wants-punish-next-aaron-bushnell

MARCH 07, 2024

COTTON INTRODUCES LEGISLATION TO PROHIBIT CLEARANCES, DEMONSTRATIONS FOR TERRORIST SYMPATHIZERS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Contact: Caroline Tabler or Patrick McCann (202) 224-2353
March 7, 2024

Cotton Introduces Legislation to Prohibit Clearances, Demonstrations for Terrorist Sympathizers

Washington, D.C. — Senator Tom Cotton (R-Arkansas) today introduced two bills in response to the U.S. airman who self-immolated outside the Israeli embassy in Washington, D.C. on February 25. The legislation follows a letter Senator Cotton sent to Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin, asking him to provide details on the service member.

"The mission of our service members is to defend America, and anyone who supports Hamas or any other terrorist group should not receive a security clearance. Likewise, no active-duty members of the military should be allowed to participate in demonstrations that aim to undermine the security of America and our allies," **said Senator Cotton.**

https://www.cotton.senate.gov/news/press-releases/cotton-introduces-legislation-to-prohibit-clearances-demonstrations-for-terrorist-sympathizers

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (b) of section 3002 of
8 the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of
9 2004 (50 U.S.C. 3343) is amended—
10 (1) by striking "covered person who is an" and
11 inserting the following: "covered person who—
12 "(1) is an"; and
13 (2) in paragraph (1), as designated by para-
14 graph (1), by striking the period at the end and in-
15 serting a semicolon;
16 (3) by adding at the end the following:
17 "(2) has ever publicly expressed support for any
18 organization designated as a foreign terrorist organi-
19 zation pursuant to section 219(a) of the Immigra-
20 tion and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1189(a)), the Is-
21 lamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, or any affiliate of
22 such Corps, including Hamas and Hezbollah; or
23 "(3) has ties to or supports the Islamic Revolu-
24 tionary Guard Corps or any affiliate of such Corps,
25 including Hamas and Hezbollah."; and

https://www.cotton.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/no_clearances_for_terrorist_sympathizers_act_of_2024.pdf

Weaponization of Israel Criticism as Antisemitism by Anti Defamation League (ADL)

ADL

TOOLS AND STRATEGIES

What Is… Antisemitism, Anti-Zionism, Anti-Israel Bias?

Published: 10.12.2022

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What is antisemitism?

Antisemitism is the marginalization and oppression of people who are Jewish, based on the belief in stereotypes, myths and disinformation about Jewish people, Judaism and Israel. Parallel to all systems of oppression, antisemitism manifests as the dehumanization or exploitation of, or discrimination or violence against Jewish people.

Antisemitism sometimes targets Jews not as individuals but as a collective — whether that's Jewish organizations, movements like Zionism or the Jewish State of Israel.

At the same time, certain forms of criticism of Israel clearly cross over into antisemitism. Examples of when such critiques cross into antisemitism include when they ostracize and vilify Zionists and Zionism (the movement for Jewish self-determination and statehood), utilize anti-Jewish tropes, hold all Jews responsible for Israel's actions, or utilize traditional antisemitic imagery or comparisons to Nazis.

At times, harsh rhetoric related to Israel can create environments in which some Jews feel unsafe, and can even embolden acts and expressions of antisemitism. This was evident, for example, in May 2021, when tensions related to the Israel-Hamas conflict resulted in a spike in antisemitic incidents directed at American Jews. During that period, there were several documented incidents in which Jews and Jewish institutions were attacked and targeted by individuals and groups who were chanting anti-Israel slogans and/or engaged in protests against the Jewish state.

https://www.adl.org/resources/tools-and-strategies/what-antisemitism-anti-zionism-anti-israel-bias

MIDDLE EAST EYE

'Weaponising anti-Semitism': Florida Senate passes bill barring Israel criticism

Opponents of the law, which focuses on criticism of Israel in schools, say the legislation violates free speech

A Florida bill that classifies certain criticisms of Israel as anti-Semitic has passed unanimously in the state Senate, despite drawing sweeping condemnation from Palestine and free speech advocates who say the legislation violates the United States Constitution.

The bill, known as HB 741, passed on Monday in a 40-0 vote in Florida's upper legislative chamber.

It was passed just days after a US federal court judge struck down a controversial an anti-Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) law in Texas, saying it breached Americans' First Amendment right to free speech.

"Florida is the most Israel-friendly state in the country and we will not stand for discrimination against the Israeli people of any kind," DeSantis said in January.

"BDS is nothing more than a cloak for anti-Semitism, and as long as I'm Governor, BDS will be DOA [dead on arrival]. I cannot wait to strengthen the already unwavering bond between Florida and the great state of Israel."

https://www.middleeasteye.net/news/weaponising-anti-semitism-florida-senate-passes-bill-barring-israel-criticism

Governor Ron DeSantis Signs Legislation in Israel Further Combatting Antisemitism

On April 28, 2023, in News Releases, by Staff

JERUSALEM, Israel – Today, Governor Ron DeSantis visited Israel as part of his international trade mission where he signed House Bill 269 to provide law enforcement agencies with new enforcement mechanisms to punish perpetrators of antisemitic incidents and those who target religious communities. By signing HB 269, Governor DeSantis has once again made Florida a leader on protecting religious liberty and the State of Israel both in the United States and around the world. To read a summary of the bill, click here.

Governor DeSantis also signed a proclamation to celebrate the 75th anniversary of Israel's independence. The full proclamation can be read here.

To view the clip, click here. All videos may be used courtesy of the Executive Office of the Governor.

"In 2019, I had the opportunity here in Israel to sign into law groundbreaking legislation to root out antisemitism from our public education system, establishing Florida as a leader in protecting religious liberty," said **Governor Ron DeSantis**. "Four years later, the threats faced by religious Americans of all faiths have evolved. Through this legislation, we are ensuring that perpetrators who commit acts of antisemitism and target religious groups or individuals will be punished."

In 2019, Governor DeSantis made history when he held the first-ever overseas meeting of the Florida Cabinet in Israel and signed into law HB 741, legislation that made Florida a leader in combatting antisemitism in public education, and led the way against BDS when he placed economic sanctions on Airbnb when it attempted to boycott Jewish homeowners in Judea and Samaria. Four years later, Governor DeSantis returned to Israel on the first trip abroad of his second term.

https://www.flgov.com/2023/04/28/governor-ron-desantis-signs-enhanced-anti-antisemitism-and-anti-bds-legislation-in-israel/

"For anybody that didn't think that anti-Zionism could cross into antisemitism, the rest of the world could see that it had," said Democratic Rep. Esther Panitch, the only Jewish member of Georgia's Legislature and one of the sponsors of a bill that the state Legislature passed last week. Republican Gov. Brian Kemp is expected to sign.

Over the past three months, there has been a rise in protests around the country calling for a cease-fire in Gaza and the release of Israeli hostages. A coalition of organizations, including Jewish Voice for Peace and CAIR, issued a joint statement saying that the Georgia bill "falsely equates critiques of Israel and Zionism with discrimination against Jewish people."

https://www.pbs.org/newshour/politics/lawmakers-in-several-u-s-states-push-for-laws-to-define-antisemitism

ATLANTA (AP) — Georgia lawmakers passed a bill Thursday that would define antisemitism in state law, with Republicans uniting in support of Israel's war on Hamas and some Democrats splitting over fears of suppressing support for Palestinians.

"Today we can fight a pervasive and escalating threat in our state and fight it together," said Senate President Pro Tem John Kennedy, a Macon Republican who guided the bill to Senate passage, 44-6. The measure had stalled in a Senate committee in 2023.

The House later agreed to changes, voting 129-5 for passage. Republican Gov. Brian Kemp said he would sign the bill, saying it "builds on our commitment to protect Georgians from criminal acts, including those based on hate."

Sponsors say adopting the definition put forward by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance would help prosecutors and other officials identify hate crimes and illegal discrimination targeting Jewish people. Georgia has a hate crimes law that allows higher criminal penalties for crimes motivated by certain types of bias.

In at least eight states nationwide, lawmakers are working on measures to define antisemitism, part of an upsurge of legislation motivated in part by the Israel-Hamas war. Arkansas passed such a law last year. New bills are pending this year in Indiana, Florida, Massachusetts, New Jersey and South Dakota.

https://www.pbs.org/newshour/politics/georgia-lawmakers-pass-bill-that-would-define-antisemitism-in-state-law

US Marine Corps Direct Support Israel:

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Oct 23, 2023 - World

Scoop: Marine Corps 3-star general advising Israeli military on Gaza ground operation

The Biden administration recently sent a Marine three-star general and several other U.S. military officers to Israel to help advise the Israeli military's leadership in its operation in Gaza, according to two U.S. officials and two Israeli officials briefed on the issue.

Why it matters: The move reflects the Biden administration's deep involvement in the war in Gaza and how much visibility it has in Israel's military planning.

Behind the scenes: The Marine Corps officers sent include Lt. Gen. James Glynn, according to a senior Israeli official. Glynn previously headed the Marines' special operations and was involved in the operations against ISIS in Iraq.

- Glynn and the other U.S. military officers are not directing operations but they do provide military advice to the IDF about its plans in Gaza. This has been primarily focused on Israel's expected ground invasion. The American officers have shared lessons the U.S. has learned from fighting ISIS in Mosul.

https://www.axios.com/2023/10/23/israel-gaza-war-marine-general-ground-operation

Reports: US Marine Rapid Response Unit heading to conflict zone

These are separate from 2,000 troops put on standby for Israel-Gaza already.

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KELLEY BEAUCAR VLAHOS

OCT 17, 2023

The Pentagon has sent a U.S. Marine rapid response unit consisting of 2,000 Marines and sailors to the region "to send a message of deterrence to Iran and the Lebanese militant group Hezbollah" in the conflict in Israel-Gaza, according to reports early Tuesday morning.

According to CNN, the unit will join the two U.S. carrier groups in the Eastern Mediterranean. The U.S.S. Gerald Ford is already there; the U.S.S. Dwight Eisenhower left for the region this week. From CNN:

> The 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), which specializes in tasks such as amphibious operations, crisis response, humanitarian assistance, and certain special operations, had been stationed near Kuwait in recent weeks as part of a scheduled exercise there. But it departed early "as a result of emerging events," Capt. Angelica White, a spokeswoman for the unit, told the Marine Corps Times on Wednesday.

This comes on the news Monday that a "defense force" of 2,000 individuals including "service members with a variety of capabilities and specialties, including providing medical support and handling explosives" has been "picked" and put on shortened pre-deployment status but was not going anywhere, yet. A Wall Street Journal report by Nancy Youssef had more detail:

> "...the Pentagon decision signaled it is preparing to support Israeli troops should Israel launch a ground incursion into Gaza. It is unclear how many of those troops, should they be deployed, would go into Israel. But the officials said that at least some of them could enter the country to support Israeli forces. A predeployment order doesn't mean the troops will certainly deploy but rather shortens the time troops need to be ready to move."

https://responsiblestatecraft.org/us-troops-israel-gaza/

Delta Force Deploying to Gaza:

Max Blumenthal
@MaxBlumenthal

The White House deleted this photo of covert Delta Force teams operating inside Israel an hour after posting it

The US is at "war" in Palestine

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https://twitter.com/MaxBlumenthal/status/1715451874709553270

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1BE-OuPfUJE

Presence of U.S. Forces and Participation of U.S. Military in Gaza Genocide:

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https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/24356689-israel_reporting_instructions

What are American soldiers doing in Israel?

U.S. special operations forces are stationed in Israel and "actively helping the Israelis" in a number of areas, among them efforts to "identify hostages, including American hostages," a Department of Defense official revealed last week.

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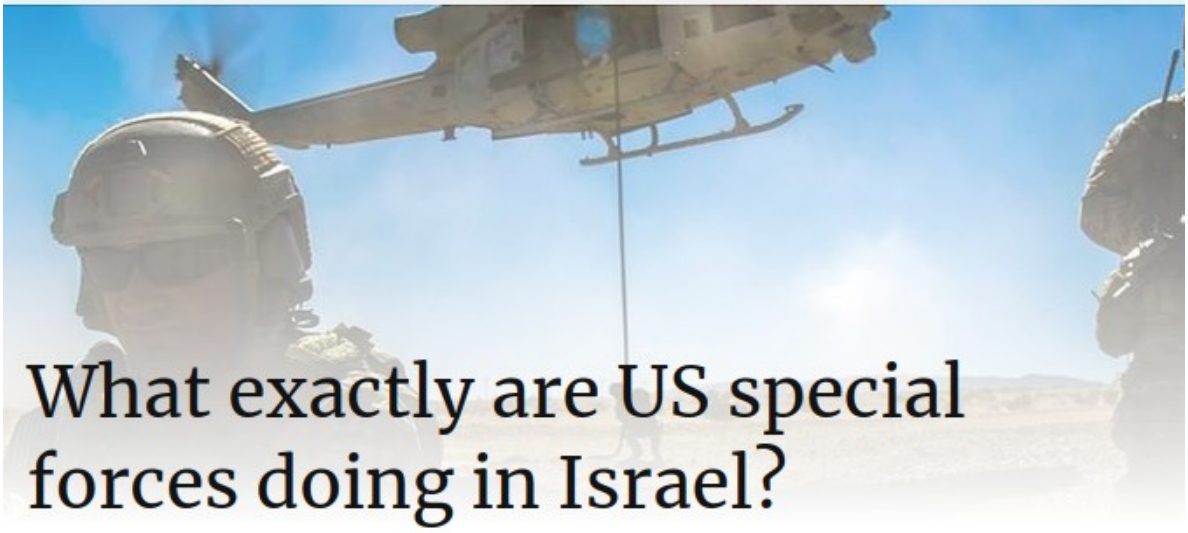

What exactly are US special forces doing in Israel?

Secrecy is the name of the game when it comes to the Biden administration's support for the offensive in Gaza.

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NOV 14, 2023

As the Israeli military enters the second month of its operation in Gaza, questions continue to swirl around the exact nature of U.S. support for the war, with major potential implications for American interests in the Middle East.

The Pentagon has been fairly transparent about its actions outside of Israel, including the decision to move two aircraft carrier strike groups into the Middle East, among other naval assets and missile defense systems. But two more sensitive issues remain shrouded in mystery: What exactly are American special forces doing in Israel? And what weapons is the U.S. now giving to the Israel Defense Forces (IDF)?

Increased secrecy around weapons transfers

The Biden administration has taken flak in Congress for his attempts to conceal details about American arms transfers to Israel amid the war, including a proposed measure to skip congressional notification requirements that would provide lawmakers with an opportunity to object to specific weapons sales.

"There is no reason we cannot both ensure needed U.S. assistance is provided to Israel in an expeditious manner and ensure Congress is able to fulfill its constitutional oversight duty," Rep. Gregory Meeks (D-N.Y.) — the ranking Democrat on the House Foreign Affairs Committee — told the Washington Post last week.

https://responsiblestatecraft.org/us-special-forces-in-israel/

The New York Times

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American Commandos Are in Israel Helping to Locate Hostages, Pentagon Says

A Defense Department official, Christopher P. Maier, declined to say how many U.S. Special Operations forces were currently in Israel. But other U.S. officials say the Defense Department has dispatched several dozen commandos in recent days.

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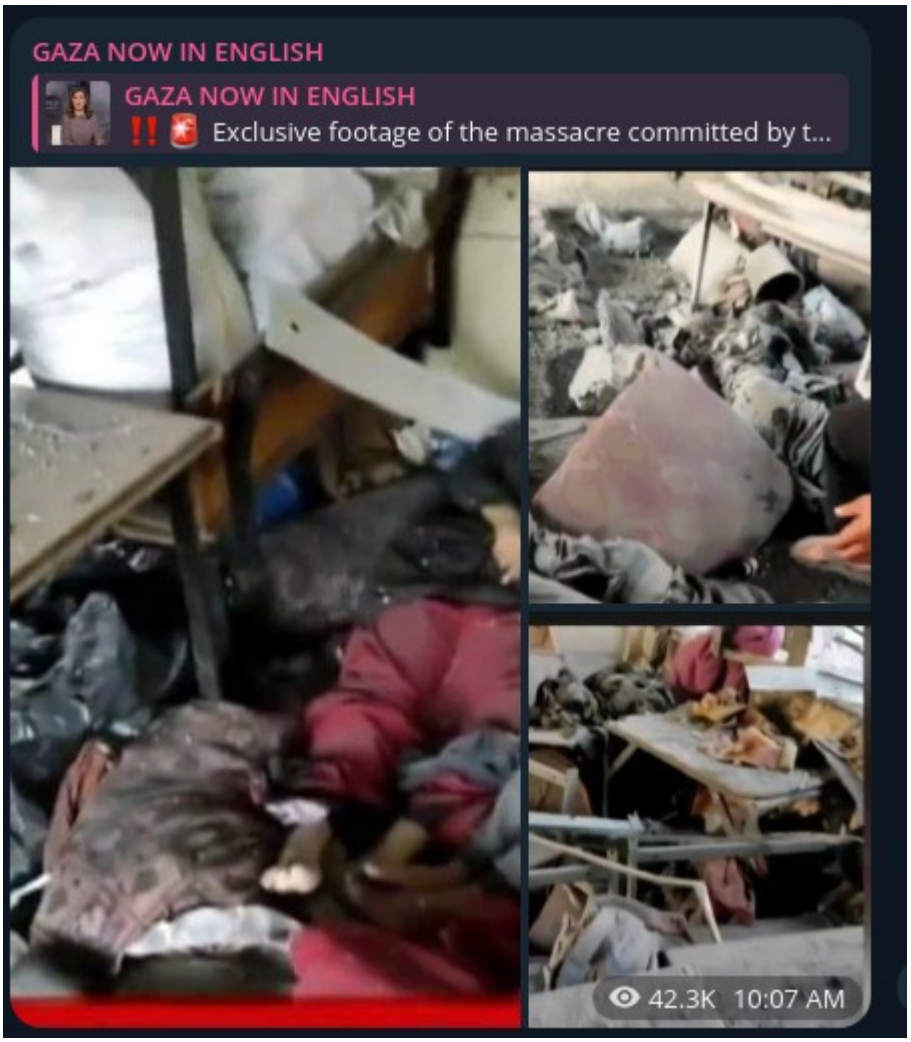
https://www.nytimes.com/2023/10/31/us/politics/us-israel-hostages.html, https://archive.is/mzvbP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BIDEN ADMIN DEPLOYED AIR FORCE TEAM TO ISRAEL TO ASSIST WITH TARGETS, DOCUMENT SUGGESTS

Guidance for officers deployed to Israel appears to show the U.S. military providing intelligence for airstrikes in Gaza.

Ken Klippenstein, Matthew Petti

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A picture taken from Rafah, Gaza, shows smoke billowing over Khan Yunis in the southern Gaza Strip during Israeli bombardment on Jan. 11, 2024. AFP via Getty Images

TARGETING INTELLIGENCE — THE information used to conduct airstrikes and fire long-range artillery weapons — has played a central role in Israel's siege of Gaza. A document obtained through the Freedom of Information Act suggests that the U.S. Air Force sent officers specializing in this exact form of intelligence to Israel in late November.

"They're probably targeting people, targeting officers," Lawrence Cline, who served as an intelligence engagement officer in Iraq before retirement, told The Intercept. Targeting intelligence refers to the identification and characterization of enemy activities including missile and artillery launches, location of leadership and command and control centers, and key facilities. "What I can see is we've got a lot of global assets in terms of satellites and the like and the Israelis have a lot in terms of more localized radar coverage."

The deployment guidelines were issued by the Pentagon's Air Force component command for the Middle East, Air Forces Central, on November 21. The document provides deployment instructions to air personnel sent to the country, including an "Air Defense Liaison Team" as well as "airmen assigned as the Intelligence Engagement Officer (IEO)."

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Largest US aircraft carrier deployed near Israel

In a gesture of solidarity with Israel amid its war with Hamas terrorists, the United States is reinforcing its presence in the Eastern Mediterranean.

Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin announced Sunday that the Pentagon is sending its largest aircraft carrier, the U.S.S. Gerald R. Ford, to the region. The move follows Israel's official declaration of war on Hamas, which marks the country's first war since 1973.

The U.S.S. Gerald R. Ford, which is the Navy's newest and most advanced aircraft carrier, was already in the Mediterranean waters when the war declaration was made by Israel's parliament on Sunday morning, according to The Daily Caller.

U.S. Air Force fighter aircraft squadrons, specifically the F-35, F-15, F-16, and A-10, will accompany the carrier.

https://americanmilitarynews.com/2023/10/largest-us-aircraft-carrier-deployed-near-israel/

US sending second carrier strike group, fighter jets to region as Israel prepares to expand Gaza operations

By Oren Liebermann, Natasha Bertrand and Brad Lendon, CNN
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Washington/Seoul (CNN) — The Pentagon has ordered a second carrier strike group to the eastern Mediterranean Sea and is sending Air Force fighter jets to the region as Israel prepares to expand its Gaza operations, US Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin said in a statement Saturday.

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US deploys second aircraft carrier as Israeli ground invasion of Gaza nears

USS Eisenhower sent to region to deter anyone 'seeking to escalate' war after Hamas attack

Israel-Hamas war: latest news and live updates

People search for survivors at the site of an Israeli rocket attack in Al-Shati refugee camp in the west of Gaza City on Saturday. A ground offensive by Israel on the enclave is expected soon. Photograph: Mohammed Saber/EPA

The United States has deployed a second aircraft carrier to the Mediterranean "to deter hostile actions against Israel or any efforts toward widening this war", as residents of Gaza City fled south to escape an expected Israeli ground attack in response to a murderous rampage by Hamas last weekend that left at least 1,300 people dead.

The US defence secretary, Lloyd Austin, said late on Saturday that the presence of the USS Eisenhower and its affiliated warships in the eastern Mediterranean signalled Washington's "ironclad commitment to Israel's security and our resolve to deter any state or non-state actor seeking to escalate this war".

The White House national security adviser, Jake Sullivan, warned against a new front on the Israel-Lebanon frontier and added: "We can't rule out that Iran would choose to get directly engaged some way. We have to prepare for every possible contingency."

https://www.theguardian.com/world/2023/oct/15/gaza-ground-invasion-israel-us-second-carrier-group-hamas

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An **Ohio-class guided missile submarine** (SSGN) arrived in the Middle East on November 5, **according** to a press release by the U.S. Naval Forces Central Command. **Capable of carrying** up to 154 Tomahawk missiles, **Ohio-class SSGNs** combine significant long-range precision strike capacity with stealth, mobility, and a number of other capabilities. The United States often prefers to conceal the location of its submarines, but in this case, the Pentagon was eager to **trumpet** the submarine's arrival. The administration seeks to deter additional attacks on U.S. troops and dissuade Tehran and Hezbollah from launching a major war in Israel's north while the Jewish state is battling Hamas in Gaza.

https://www.fdd.org/analysis/2023/11/07/pentagon-deploys-ohio-class-guided-missile-submarine-to-the-middle-east/

Biden aide: Israel taking steps to protect civilians that even US might not have

Kirby appears to soften critique of Israel after president decries 'indiscriminate' bombing; notes Israel 'telegraphing its punches' with evacuation map in south Gaza

By JACOB MAGID FOLLOW
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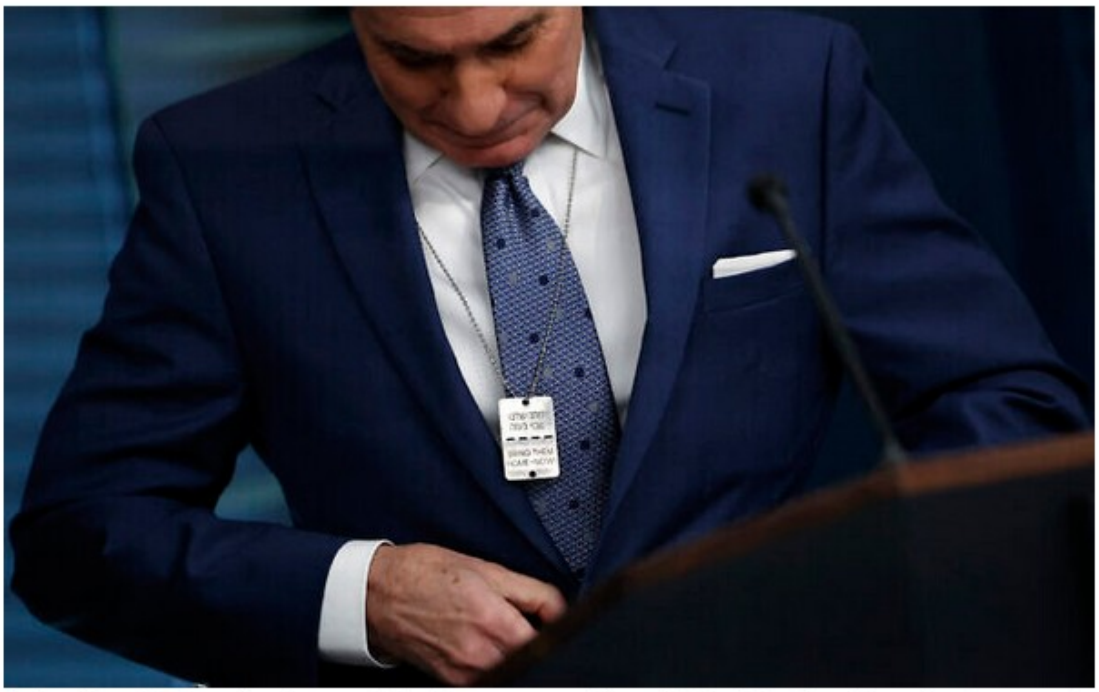

National Security Council spokesman John Kirby wears a necklace with the 'Bring Them Home-Now' message to release the hostages in Hebrew and English as he speaks at a press briefing at the White House in Washington, Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2023. (Chip Somodevilla/Getty Images/AFP)

WASHINGTON — White House National Security Council spokesperson John Kirby suggested Wednesday that some of the steps the Israeli military has taken to prevent civilian casualties in Gaza might go further than what the US would have done if it were in Israel's place.

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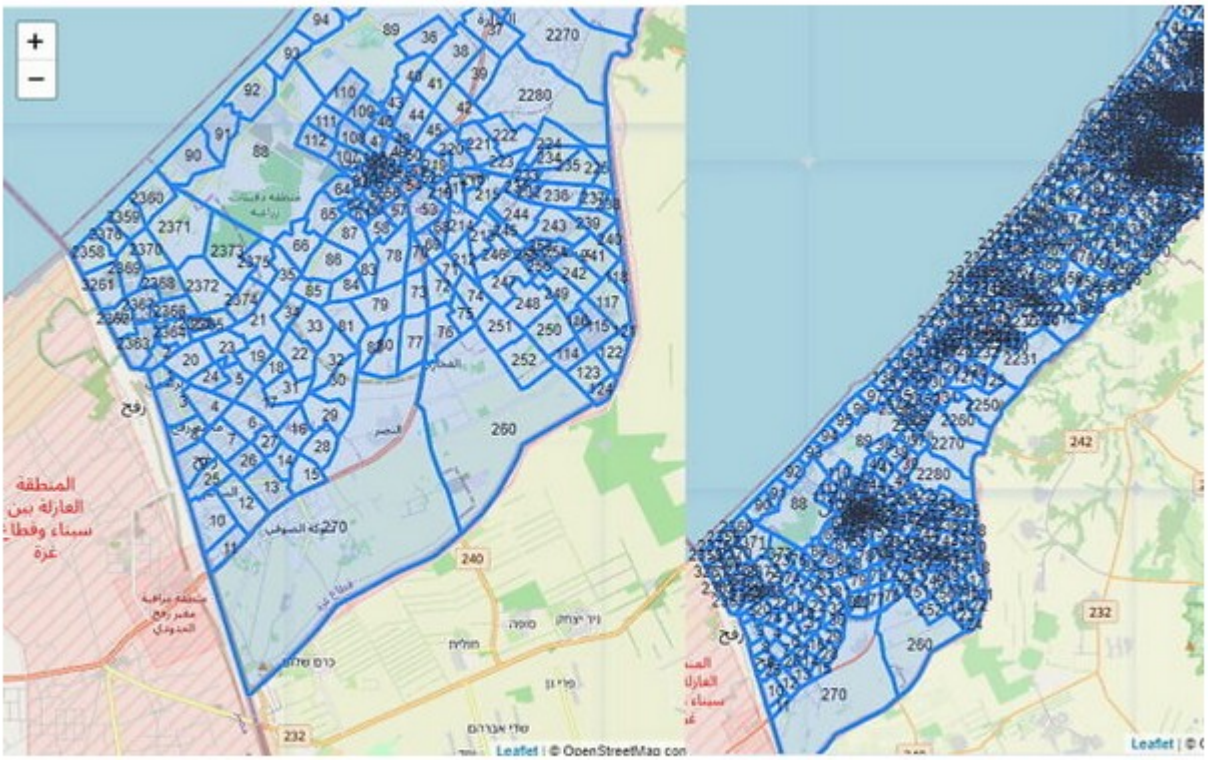

File: An interactive Gaza map issued by the IDF splits the Strip into hundreds of zones. The IDF said December 1, 2023, that it will be used to notify Palestinian civilians of active combat zones. (Screenshot)

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Watch reporter Matt Lee push StateSpox Miller on the destruction of a university in Gaza yesterday by Israel.

Lee: “You have nothing to say?”

Miller: “It is something we are raising to Israel...I don’t know what was under that building”

Lee: “It doesn’t matter what was under...”

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The US State Department has downplayed the findings of UN human rights experts who received "credible allegations" that Israeli soldiers have raped, tortured, and executed Palestinian women and girls amid their siege of Gaza.

US media has similarly overlooked the UN human rights report, focusing instead on yet another dubious report by the Israeli Association of Rape Crisis Centers alleging the deployment of "systematic sexual violence" by Hamas on October 7, 2023.

As The Grayzone's Max Blumenthal reported, the Israeli report was "short on new research, absent of hard evidence, and reliant instead on clips from factually-challenged articles by the same Western outlets promoting its publication." Its publication was funded by US-based Israel lobby heavyweights involved in a public relations scheme to justify the ongoing siege of Gaza.

The UN's Office of the High Commission on Human Rights reported receiving testimonies from Palestinian women and girls in Israeli custody of rape and being "subjected to multiple forms of sexual assault, such as being stripped naked and searched by male Israeli army officers."

The Grayzone has also gathered video testimony from 39-year-old Abier Mohammed Gheben, a Palestinian abducted in Gaza by Israelis during their ongoing siege. She described being subjected to torture, deprivation and humiliation during over 50 days in captivity. "We had to sleep for a night… out in the open" while "blinded and handcuffed," she told The Grayzone, adding that her interrogator "would call women dogs."

https://thegrayzone.com/2024/02/23/state-dept-israeli-soldiers-sexually-abusing-slaughtering-palestinian-women/

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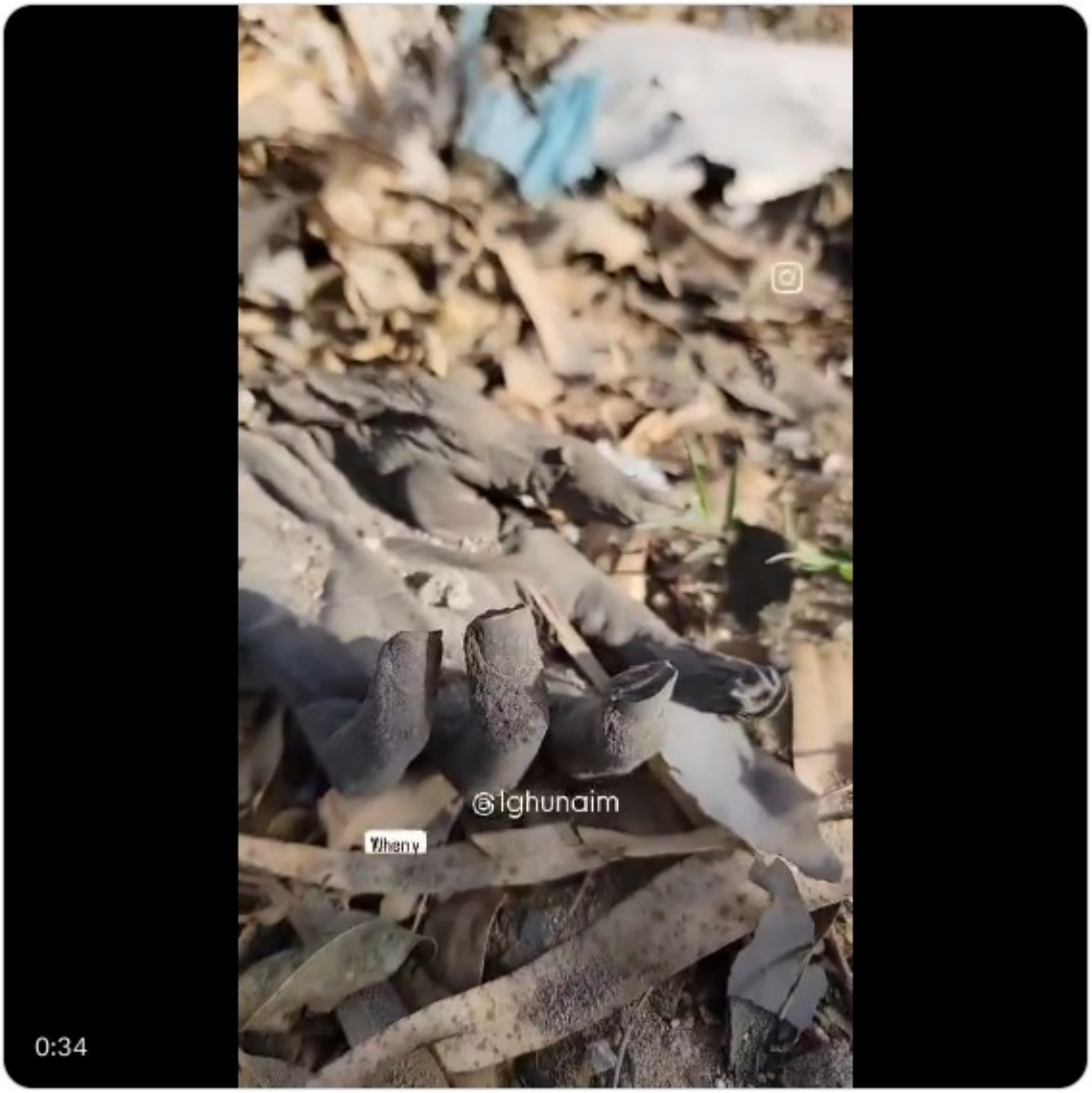

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United States of America Vetoes United Nations Resolutions for Cease Fire in Gaza:

The United States has vetoed an Arab-backed U.N. resolution demanding an immediate humanitarian cease-fire in the Israel-Hamas war in the embattled Gaza Strip. (Feb. 20)

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UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The United States on Tuesday vetoed an Arab-backed and widely supported U.N. resolution demanding an immediate humanitarian cease-fire in the Israel-Hamas war in the embattled Gaza Strip, saying it would interfere with negotiations on a deal to free hostages abducted in Israel.

The vote in the 15-member Security Council was 13-1 with the United Kingdom abstaining, reflecting the strong support from countries around the globe for ending the war, which started when Hamas militants invaded southern Israel on Oct. 7, killing about 1,200 people and taking 250 others hostage. Since then, more than 29,000 Palestinians have been killed in Israel's military offensive, according to the Gaza Health Ministry, which says the vast majority were women and children.

It was the third U.S. veto of a Security Council resolution demanding a cease-fire in Gaza and came a day after the United States circulated a rival resolution that would support a temporary cease-fire linked to the release of all hostages.

Virtually every council member — including the United States — expressed concern at the impending catastrophe in Gaza's southern city of Rafah, where some 1.5 million Palestinians have sought refuge, if Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu goes ahead with his plan to evacuate civilians and move Israel's military offensive to the area bordering Egypt, where Israel says Hamas fighters are hiding.

https://apnews.com/article/un-israel-palestinians-gaza-ceasefire-resolution-vote-350c86ef261bf1a00a2515cf22764de5

U.N. Human Rights Council Calls for Arms Embargo of Israel

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Launch of 'Disability and Armed Conflict,' a report by the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights

GENEVA (23 February 2024) – Any transfer of weapons or ammunition to Israel that would be used in Gaza is likely to violate international humanitarian law and must cease immediately, UN experts* warned today.

"All States must 'ensure respect' for international humanitarian law by parties to an armed conflict, as required by 1949 Geneva Conventions and customary international law," the experts said. "States **must** accordingly refrain from transferring any weapon or ammunition – or parts for them – if it is expected, given the facts or past patterns of behaviour, that they would be used to violate international law."

"Such transfers are prohibited even if the exporting State does not intend the arms to be used in violation of the law – or does not know with certainty that they would be used in such a way – as long as there is a clear risk," they said.

The experts welcomed the decision of a Dutch appeals court on 12 February 2024 ordering the Netherlands to halt the export of F-35 fighter jet parts to Israel. The court found that there was a "clear risk" that the parts would be used to commit or facilitate serious violations of international humanitarian law, as "there are many indications that Israel has violated the humanitarian law of war in a not insignificant number of cases".

The Dutch court pointed to the extensive civilian casualties, including thousands of children; the destruction of 60% of civilian homes and extensive damage to hospitals, water and food supplies, schools and religious buildings; widespread severe hunger; and the displacement of 85% of Palestinians in Gaza. It also highlighted evidence of the prolific use of imprecise "dumb bombs"; deliberate, disproportionate and indiscriminate attacks; failures to warn civilians of attacks; and incriminating statements by Israeli commanders and soldiers.

*The experts: Ben Saul, **Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism**; Margaret Satterthwaite, **Special Rapporteur on the Independence of Judges and Lawyers**; Cecilia M. Bailliet, **Independent Expert on human rights and international solidarity**; Claudia Mahler, **Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons**; Farida Shaheed, **Special Rapporteur on the right to education**; Livingstone Sewanyana, **Independent Expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order**; Surya Deva, **Special Rapporteur on the right to development**; **Attiya Waris, Independent Expert on foreign debt, other international financial obligations and human rights;** Ashwini K.P., **Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance**; Olivier De Schutter, **Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights**; Paula Gaviria Betancur, **Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons**; Siobhán Mullally, **Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children**; Tomoya Obokata, **Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery, including its causes and consequences**; Carlos Salazar Couto (Chair-Rapporteur), Sorcha MacLeod, Jovana Jezdimirovic Ranito, Chris M. A. Kwaja, Ravindran Daniel, **Working Group on the use of mercenaries**; Robert McCorquodale (Chair-Rapporteur), Fernanda Hopenhaym (Vice-Chair), Pichamon Yeophantong, Damilola Olawuyi, Elzbieta Karska, **Working Group on business and human rights**; Barbara G. Reynolds (Chair), Dominique Day, Bina D'Costa, **Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent**; Balakrishnan Rajagopal, **Special Rapporteur on the right to adequate housing**; Dorothy Estrada Tanck (Chair), Claudia Flores, Ivana Krstić, Haina Lu, and Laura Nyirinkindi, **Working group on discrimination against women and girls**; and Francesca Albanese, **Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967**; Reem Alsalem, **Special Rapporteur on violence against women and girls, its causes and consequences**; Fabián Salvioli, **Special Rapporteur on truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence**.

The statement is endorsed by: Aua Baldé (Chair-Rapporteur), Gabriella Citroni (Vice-Chair), Angkhana Neelapaijit, Grażyna Baranowska, Ana Lorena Delgadillo Perez, **Working Group on enforced or involuntary disappearances**; Mary Lawlor, **Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders**; Nicolas Levrat, **Special Rapporteur on minority issues;** and David R. Boyd, **Special Rapporteur on human rights and the environment**.

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Rights expert finds ‘reasonable grounds’ genocide is being committed in Gaza

UN Human Rights Council/Sérine Meradji | Francesca Albanese, Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories, makes remarks at the 55th session of the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva.

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There are "reasonable grounds" to believe that Israel is committing genocide against Palestinians in Gaza, the UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Occupied Palestinian Territories said on Tuesday.

Francesca Albanese was speaking at the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva, where she presented her latest report, entitled ‘Anatomy of a Genocide’, during an interactive dialogue with Member States.

“Following nearly six months of unrelenting Israeli assault on occupied Gaza, it is my solemn duty to report on the worst of what humanity is capable of, and to present my findings,” she said.

“There are **reasonable grounds to believe that the threshold indicating the commission of the crime of genocide…has been met**.”

Three acts committed

Citing international law, Ms. Albanese explained that genocide is defined as a **specific set of acts** committed with the intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnic, racial or religious group.

“Specifically, Israel has committed three acts of genocide with the requisite intent, causing seriously serious bodily or mental harm to members of the group, deliberately inflicting on the group conditions of life calculated to bring about its physical destruction in whole or in part, and imposing measures intended to prevent birth within the group,” she said.

Furthermore, “the genocide in Gaza is **the most extreme stage of a long-standing settler colonial process of erasure** of the native Palestinians,” she continued.

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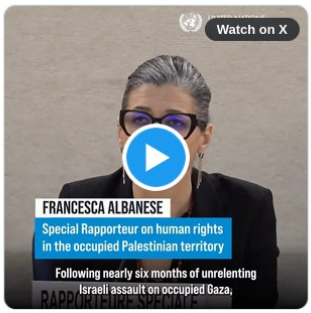

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Michael Fakhri, UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food

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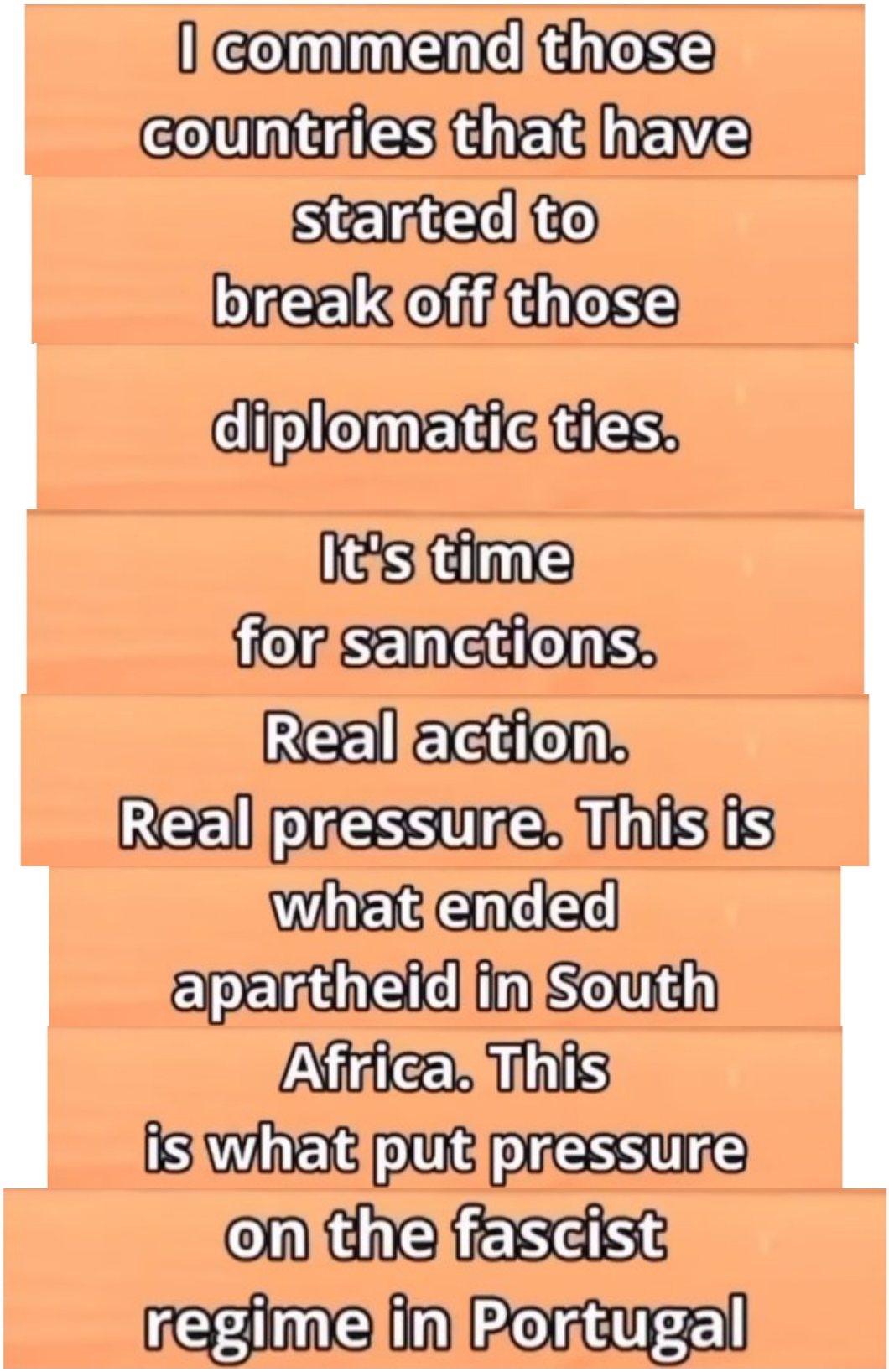

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Nicaragua v. Germany: Setting the Precedent that Arms Sales is Complicity Under the Genocide Accords

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APPLICATION INSTITUTING PROCEEDINGS

To the Registrar of the International Court of Justice (ICJ or The Court), the undersigned, being duly authorised by the Government of the Republic of Nicaragua, states as follows:

1. In accordance with Articles 36 and 40 of the Statute of the Court and Article 38 of the Rules of Court, I have the honour to submit this Application instituting proceedings in the name of the Republic of Nicaragua (Nicaragua) against the Federal Republic of Germany (Germany). Pursuant to Article 41 of the Statute and in accordance with Article 73 of the Rules of the Court, the Application includes a request that the Court indicate provisional measures to preserve the rights invoked herein from imminent and irreparable loss.

13. Germany has provided political, financial and military support to Israel[28] fully aware at the time of authorization that the military equipments would be used in the commission of great breaches of international law by this State and in disregard of its own obligations. In particular, the military equipment provided by Germany enabling Israel to perpetrate genocidal acts and other atrocities, included supplies to the front line and warehouses, and assurances of future supplies such as ammunition, technology and diverse components necessary for the Israeli military.

14. The German Government has also cut off assistance to UNRWA. Since its establishment by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in 1949 it has been the most important relief bringer to the millions of Palestinian refugees. Thus, apart from supporting a State that is in breach of many of the most fundamental and sacred norms of international law, by cutting off the funds to UNRWA Germany's decision jeopardizes any effective assistance being given to the victims of those very atrocities that Israel is commiting.

16. Each and every Contracting Party to the Genocide Convention has a duty under the Convention to do everything possible to prevent the commission of genocide. As the Court itself has stated a "State's obligation to prevent, and the corresponding duty to act, arise at the instant that the State learns of, or should normally have learned of, the existence of a serious risk that genocide will be committed"[29]. Since October 2023, there has been a recognised risk of genocide against the Palestinian people, directed first of all against the population of the Gaza Strip. Yet by sending military equipment and now defunding UNRWA which provides essential support to the civilian population, Germany is facilitating the commission of genocide and, in any case has failed in its obligation to do everything possible to prevent the commission of genocide, being both distinct bases for Germany's reponsibility.

54. Lately, various European Union and national authorities denounced the incompatibility of arms exports to Israel with international law. As the High Representative of the European Union, Josep Borrell, has stated

> "Look, I do not pretend to be in charge of the foreign policy of the United States, I have enough with the foreign policy of the European Union. But let's be logical: how many times have you heard the most prominent leaders and the foreign ministers around the world saying, 'Too many people are being killed'? President [of the United States, Joe] Biden said [that] this is too much on the top, it is not proportional. Well, if you believe that too many people are being killed, maybe you should provide less arms in order to prevent so many people [from] being killed. Isn't it logical? In 2006, during the war against Lebanon, the United States already took this decision. They already took the decision to pause the supply of arms to Israel, because Israel did not want to stop the war. Exactly the same thing that happens today. Everyone goes to Tel-Aviv, begging: 'Please, do not do that, protect civilians, do not kill so many.'
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> So, I do not know. Every Member States is an owner of its foreign policy. But it is a little bit contradictory to continue saying that there are too many people being killed: 'Too many people being killed. Please take care of people. Please do not kill so many'. Stop saying 'please' and do something."[96]

55. In a case dealing with the export of spare parts for the F-35 Fighter Planes by the State of the Netherlands to Israel, the Court of Appeal of The Hague concluded that there were "many indications that Israel has violated the humanitarian laws of war" and "order[ed] the State [of Netherlands] to cease all (actual) export and transit of F-35 parts with final destination Israel within 7 days after service of this judgment".[97].

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Nicaragua files case at World Court against Germany for aiding Israel

By **Stephanie van den Berg**

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International Court of Justice (ICJ) holds a hearing to allow parties to give their views on the legal consequences of Israel's occupation of the Palestinian territories before eventually issuing a non-binding legal opinion in The Hague, Netherlands, February 19, 2024.
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According to Nicaragua's claim, Germany is violating the 1948 Genocide Convention and the 1949 Geneva Conventions on the laws of war in the occupied Palestinian territories.

"By sending military equipment and now defunding UNRWA which provides essential support to the civilian population, Germany is facilitating the commission of genocide," Nicaragua said in its legal filings.

Major donors to UNRWA, including the United States and Germany, suspended funding after allegations that around 12 of its tens of thousands of Palestinian employees were suspected of involvement in the Oct. 7 attacks in Israel by Hamas.

Nicaragua's filing adds that emergency measures were needed because of Berlin's "participation in the ongoing plausible genocide and serious breaches of international humanitarian law" in the Gaza Strip.

Under the genocide treaty countries not only agree not to commit genocide but also to the prevent and punish any possible genocide. It also makes complicity in genocide and attempting a genocide a violation of the treaty.

Germany is one of the largest arms exporters to Israel together with the United States, according to U.N. experts.

https://www.reuters.com/world/nicaragua-files-case-world-court-against-germany-aiding-israel-2024-03-01/

South Africa Preparing Genocide Case Against United States:

Atlantic Council

First, countries such as the United States and Germany supply military equipment and aid to Israel, despite public reports on the risk of genocide. The case in the US District Court for the Northern District of California alleging genocide was filed against US officials on November 13, indicating that the Biden administration was on notice of the risk before the January 26 ICJ order. In December 2023, Biden twice used an emergency determination, avoiding congressional review requirements, to provide more than $250 million in military equipment to Israel.

Such actions might constitute the furnishment of aid or assistance for complicity. Experts have also argued that the United States has sufficient influence over Israel that its actions—and inaction—violate the duty to prevent genocide. However, the United States has a reservation to the Genocide Convention, upheld by the ICJ, that mandates that the United States must give its consent to be brought before the ICJ on any claims under the Convention—and it is unlikely to give such consent.

https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/blogs/new-atlanticist/could-the-us-and-other-states-be-implicated-in-south-africas-genocide-case-against-israel/

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South African lawyers preparing lawsuit against US, UK for complicity in Israel's war crimes in Gaza

'The United States must now be held accountable for the crimes it committed,' says Wikus Van Rensburg, who is leading team of 47 lawyers and received support from US, UK for lawsuit

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After South Africa filed a case against Israel at the International Court of Justice (ICJ) for genocide in Gaza, the country's nearly 50 lawyers are preparing a separate lawsuit against the US and UK governments on the grounds that they are complicit in Israeli forces' war crimes in Palestine.

The initiative, led by South African lawyer Wikus Van Rensburg, aims to prosecute those who are complicit in the crime in civilian courts in collaboration with lawyers from the US and UK, with whom he is already in contact.

Rensburg, who has been writing letters to various countries and the ICJ for the last few weeks demanding that Israel and its supporters be prosecuted, has begun preparations to file a lawsuit against the two Western countries, with the support of his colleagues.

"The United States must now be held accountable for the crimes it committed," Rensburg told Anadolu in an interview, detailing the process by which Washington and London will be tried as complicit in Tel Aviv's war crimes against the people of Gaza.

'The US must now be held responsible'

If the ICJ trial against Israel is concluded in favor of South Africa, Rensburg believed that the US may face sanctions even if it does not accept the verdict.

The ICJ ruling will also strengthen a case against the Joe Biden administration, he added.

Rensburg said he and his colleagues in South Africa are making preparations by contacting law firms in the US and UK.

Reminding that Berlin is still paying compensation for the crime of genocide committed by Germany even today, Rensburg said "The US must now be held responsible for the crimes it has committed. It must accept its responsibilities."

Pointing out that similar cases were filed against former US President George Bush in the 2000s, he said they believed that they could successfully carry out the legal process abroad by working as a team.

He said South Africa made stronger arguments in the case in The Hague, and that he is intimidated by the argument that an attack against Israel could happen again if the court ruled in favor of South Africa.

Last week, the group of lawyers, which has now grown to 47, wrote an open letter to the leaders of the US and UK governments, stating that they could not avoid responsibility.

https://www.aa.com.tr/en/africa/south-african-lawyers-preparing-lawsuit-against-us-uk-for-complicity-in-israels-war-crimes-in-gaza/3109201

International Condemnation of the United States & Israel for the Crime of Genocide:

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Independent human rights expert @FranceskAlbs presents her latest findings.

"My report finds that there are reasonable grounds to believe that the threshold indicating that #Israel is commiting the crime of genocide against Palestinians as a group in #Gaza has been met."

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Ireland to Intervene in South Africa's Genocide Case Against Israel at the World Court

Ireland did not outline the argument it planned to advance at the court, but the country's lawmakers have made repeated calls to prioritize the protection of civilians in Gaza.

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'The interpretation of the law is not one that will hold up in court,' says the head of an organization supporting IDF soldiers from South Africa. He also noted that this is not the first time that the South African government has made such threats, perhaps aiming to score political points

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As South Africa vows to arrest dual citizens who serve in the Israeli military, will other countries follow?

Although no other nations have said they'll prosecute their own citizens, campaigns are underway to push several other governments to do the same.

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South Africa's threat to arrest its own citizens who serve in the Israel Defense Forces is raising legal, moral and strategic questions for a military that relies heavily on foreign-born troops to fill its ranks.

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"It is a genocide. Thousands of children are dead and thousands are missing. Soldiers are not dying. Women and children are dying at the hospital," he said at an event in Rio de Janeiro, adding: "If that’s not genocide, I don’t know what genocide is."

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Belgium summons Israeli ambassador and strongly condemns bombing of Belgian development agency Enabel

The Minister of Foreign Affairs, Hadja Lahbib, summoned the Israeli Ambassador to Belgium, H.E. Idit Rosenzweig-Abu, to the Foreign Affairs Cabinet. The meeting took place in the presence of the Minister of Development Cooperation, Caroline Gennez.

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Caroline Gennez
@carogennez

The office building of @Enabel, the Belgian Agency for Development Cooperation, in #Gaza has been bombed and is completely destroyed.

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Together with @hadjalahbib, I will summon the Israeli ambassador.

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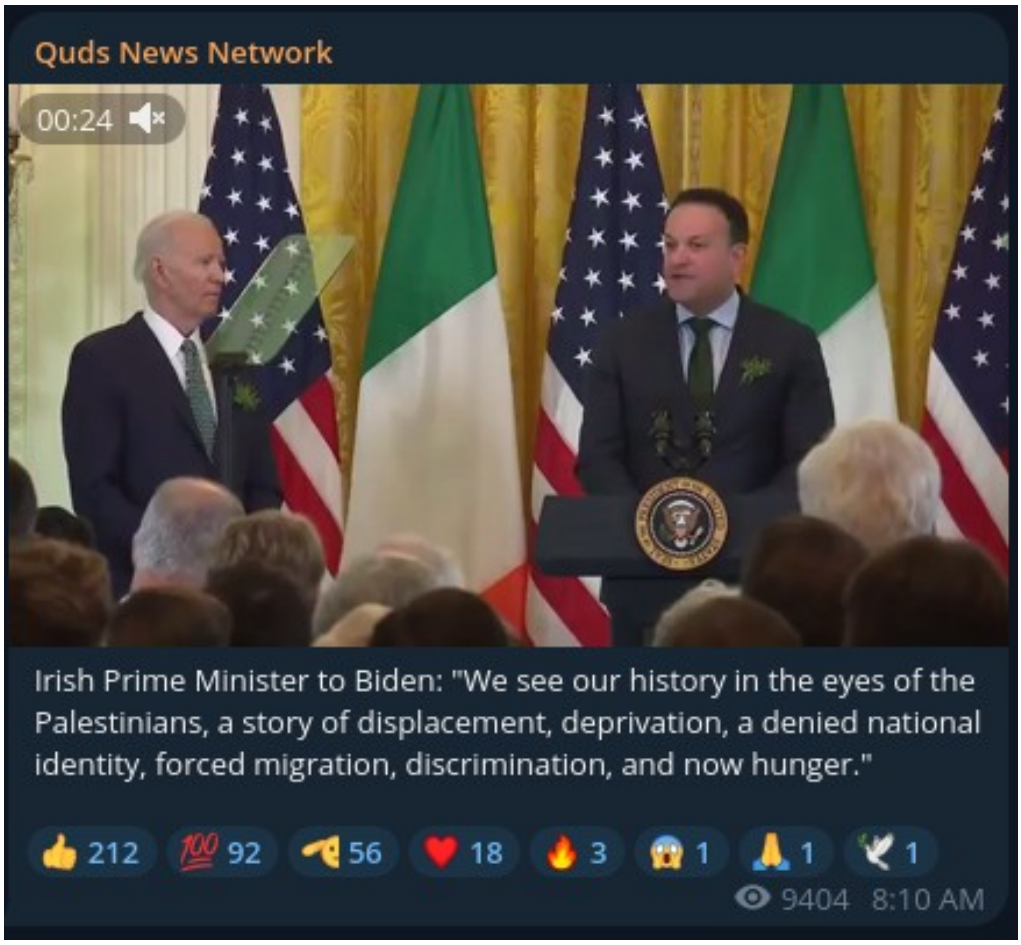

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A demonstration in South Korea denouncing the US complicity with Israel's genocide in Gaza.

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Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 12 December 2023

[*without reference to a Main Committee (A/ES-10/L.27)*]

ES-10/22. Protection of civilians and upholding legal and humanitarian obligations

The General Assembly,

Guided by the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its resolutions regarding the question of Palestine,

Recalling also all relevant Security Council resolutions,

Taking note of the letter dated 6 December 2023 from the Secretary-General, under Article 99 of the Charter of the United Nations, addressed to the President of the Security Council,[1]

Taking note also of the letter dated 7 December 2023 from the Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East addressed to the President of the General Assembly,

Expressing grave concern over the catastrophic humanitarian situation in the Gaza Strip and the suffering of the Palestinian civilian population, and emphasizing that the Palestinian and Israeli civilian populations must be protected in accordance with international humanitarian law,

1. *Demands* an immediate humanitarian ceasefire;

2. *Reiterates its demand* that all parties comply with their obligations under international law, including international humanitarian law, notably with regard to the protection of civilians;

3. *Demands* the immediate and unconditional release of all hostages, as well as ensuring humanitarian access;

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6 March 2024 South Africa Requests Additional Provisional Measures:

APPLICATION OF THE CONVENTION ON THE PREVENTION AND PUNISHMENT OF THE CRIME OF GENOCIDE IN THE GAZA STRIP (SOUTH AFRICA V. ISRAEL)

URGENT REQUEST AND APPLICATION FOR THE INDICATION OF ADDITIONAL PROVISIONAL MEASURES AND THE MODIFICATION OF THE COURT'S PRIOR PROVISIONAL MEASURES DECISIONS PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 41 OF THE STATUTE OF THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE AND ARTICLES 75 AND 76 OF THE RULES OF COURT OF THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

INTRODUCTION

1. The Republic of South Africa ('South Africa') is compelled to return to the Court in light of the new facts and changes in the situation in Gaza — particularly the situation of widespread starvation — brought about by the continuing egregious breaches of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide ('Genocide Convention') by the State of Israel ('Israel') and its ongoing manifest violations of the provisional measures indicated by this Court on 26 January 2024 (the 'Order').

2. South Africa hereby requests the Court to indicate further provisional measures and/or to modify its provisional measures indicated on 26 January 2024 in the case of the *Application of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide in the Gaza Strip (South Africa v. Israel)*, pursuant to Article 41 of the Statute of the Court, and Articles 75(1) and (3) and 76(1) of the Rules of Court respectively, in order urgently to ensure the safety and security of 2.3 million Palestinians in Gaza, including over a million children. The request and application are made in light of changes in the situation in Gaza and/or new facts since the Court's Order of 26 January 2024 and since the Court's subsequent decision of 16 February 2024, calling on Israel to comply with its obligations to ensure the "immediate and effective implementation of the provisional measures indicated by the Court in its Order of 26 January 2024" ('Decision').

5. The situation then "perilous" is now so terrifying as to be unspeakable, as described by United Nations humanitarian chiefs,[6] justifying — and indeed demanding — the indication of further provisional measures of protection pursuant to Article 75 of the Rules and modifications of the Court's prior provisional measures decisions pursuant to Article 76.

NEW FACTS AND CHANGES IN THE SITUATION IN GAZA

6. In granting provisional measures, the Court determined that "[a]t present" — on 26 January 2024 — "many Palestinians in the Gaza Strip have no access to the most basic foodstuffs, potable water, electricity, essential medicines or heating".[7] In making that finding, the Court took notice of statements by United Nations and other humanitarian chiefs, to the effect that: people in Gaza were "facing the highest levels of food insecurity ever recorded" and that "famine [was] around the corner."[8] They had regard to the fact that "[a]n unprecedented 93% of the population in Gaza [was] facing crisis levels of hunger, with insufficient food and high levels of malnutrition", with "[a]t least 1 in 4 households . . . facing 'catastrophic conditions'", "experiencing an extreme lack of food and starvation and having resorted to selling off their possessions and other extreme measures to afford a simple meal", and that "[s]tarvation, destitution and death [were] evident."[9] As noted by the Court, "the view of South Africa", based on the facts presented in its Application, was that Palestinians in Gaza were at "immediate risk of death by starvation, dehydration and disease as a result of the ongoing siege by Israel, the destruction of Palestinian towns, the insufficient aid being allowed through to the Palestinian population and the impossibility of distributing this limited aid while bombs fall."[10]

7. Palestinians in Gaza are no longer at "immediate *risk* of death by starvation."[11] At least 15 Palestinian children — including babies — in Gaza have *already* died of starvation in the past week alone, with the actual numbers believed to be much higher.[12] These deaths are "man-made, predictable and entirely preventable."[13] It is predicted that they will increase exponentially and not linearly in the absence of a cessation of military activities and a lifting of the blockade.[14]

8. Palestinian children are starving to death as a direct result of the deliberate acts and omissions of Israel — in violation of the Genocide Convention and of the Court's Order. This includes Israel's deliberate attempts to cripple the United Nations Relief and Works Agency ('UNRWA'),[15] on whom the vast majority of besieged, displaced and starving Palestinian men, women, children and babies depend for their survival.[16]

9. Israel has repeatedly used humanitarian aid as a "bargaining chip in negotiations"[17] through its creation of a hostile, inoperable environment for aid agencies. This includes: blocking such aid through obstructions, restrictions and denials;[18] closed crossings;[19] deliberately killing and targeting humanitarian workers;[20] its destruction of Palestinian crops and arable land;[21] its killing of Palestinian livestock;[22] its cutting off the North of Gaza — in particular — from sufficient aid deliveries;[23] its reducing Palestinian men, women and children to eating animal feed, bird seed and leaves, unfit for

human consumption;[24] and its pattern of attacks on desperate Palestinians as they try to obtain aid from humanitarian convoys, discussed in more detail below. Humanitarian chiefs' "[w]orst famine fears" have been "realised".[25] As stated by Medical Aid for Palestinians, "[t]his is the fastest decline in a population's nutrition status ever recorded. That means children are being starved at the fastest rate the world has ever seen."[26]

10. On 3 March 2023, the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food warned that "famine may very well be already occurring" due to Israel "intentionally starving the Palestinian people in Gaza", and that "the only way to end/prevent this famine is an immediate ceasefire. And the only way to get a ceasefire is to sanction Israel."[27] On 4 March 2024, the Director-General of the World Health Organization joined calls for a ceasefire following "grim findings" by its visiting staff of "severe levels of malnutrition, children dying of starvation, serious shortages of fuel, food and medical supplies, hospital buildings destroyed" at two hospitals in Northern Gaza.[28]

11. Israel is now massacring desperate, starving Palestinians seeking to obtain food for their slowly-dying children.[29] The so-called 'flour massacre' of 29 February 2024[30] — in which 118 Palestinians were killed and a further 760 injured — was the largest such massacre to date.[31] However, it forms part of an escalating pattern of fatal attacks by Israel on the Palestinian people it is deliberately starving, *as they seek to access aid*.[32] This has led a group of United Nations human rights experts to issue a stark warning that "Israel is not respecting its international legal obligations, is not complying with the provisional measures of the International Court of Justice, and is committing atrocity crimes."[33]

12. The horrific deaths from starvation of Palestinian children, including babies, brought about by Israel's deliberate acts and omissions in violation of the Genocide Convention and of the Court's Order — including Israel's concerted attempts since 26 January 2024 to ensure the defunding of UNRWA[34] and Israel's attacks on starving Palestinians seeking to access what extremely limited humanitarian assistance Israel permits into Northern Gaza, in particular — constitute a violation of Articles II(a) and (c) of the Genocide Convention, and a breach of Provisional Measures 1, 2 and 4 of the Court's Order. They also constitute a change in the situation in Gaza for the purposes of Article 76(2) of the Rules of Court and constitute new facts for the purposes of Article 75(3). Faced with a State willingly starving people in open defiance of this Court's order, they justify — and indeed demand — the urgent indication of additional provisional measures and/or the modification of the Court's previous decisions concerning provisional measures. As reported by the United Nations Children's Fund ('UNICEF'):

> "Now, the child deaths we feared are here and are likely to rapidly increase unless the war ends and obstacles to humanitarian relief are immediately resolved... The sense of helplessness and despair among parents and doctors in realizing that lifesaving aid, just a few kilometres away, is being kept out of reach, must be as unbearable, but worse still are the anguished cries of those babies slowly perishing under the world's gaze. *The lives of thousands more babies and children depend on urgent action being taken now*."[35]

13. "Life is draining out of Gaza at alarming speed."[36] As stated by UNRWA, "these deaths are man-made, predictable and *entirely preventable*. Gaza has become hell on earth. *When will the world say "enough"*?[37]

14. Those changes in the situation in Gaza and new facts — which themselves constitute egregious breaches of the Genocide Convention and of the Order, as clarified by the Decision — demand the urgent indication of further provisional measures and the modification of the Court's previous decisions on provisional measures, notably its Order and Decision.

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Security Council Demands Immediate Ceasefire in Gaza for Month of Ramadan, Adopting Resolution 2728 (2024) with 14 Members Voting in Favour, United States Abstaining

After 171 days of war in Gaza, the Security Council today adopted a resolution demanding an immediate ceasefire for the month of Ramadan respected by all parties, leading to a lasting sustainable ceasefire, while many speakers underscored that this is only the first step towards a permanent ceasefire.

Introducing the draft on behalf of the 10 elected Council members, the representative of Mozambique stressed the need to end the catastrophe in Gaza, which is "a clear threat to international peace and security". The Council has been consistently unanimous in its agreement on the parties' obligations to respect international law. While the adopted text is an important step the Council can build upon to address the situation in Gaza, he emphasized that it is essential to work towards a comprehensive ceasefire and a lasting peace in the region.

The speaker for the Russian Federation said that the fact his delegation learned of a proposal to replace the word "permanent" — in relation to a ceasefire in operative paragraph 1 — with weaker wording approximately an hour before today's meeting was "unacceptable". Also noting that the remaining text is too subject to interpretation, he said this could allow Israel to resume military operations in Gaza at any moment following the expiry of the ceasefire that will hopefully be established today. He, therefore, proposed an oral amendment to return the word "permanent" to operative paragraph 1.

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Resolution 2728 (2024)

Adopted by the Security Council at its 9586th meeting, on 25 March 2024

The Security Council,

Guided by the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling all of its relevant resolutions on the situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question,

Reiterating its demand that all parties comply with their obligations under international law, including international humanitarian law and international human rights law, and in this regard deploring all attacks against civilians and civilian objects, as well as all violence and hostilities against civilians, and all acts of terrorism, and recalling that the taking of hostages is prohibited under international law,

Expressing deep concern about the catastrophic humanitarian situation in the Gaza Strip,

Acknowledging the ongoing diplomatic efforts by Egypt, Qatar and the United States, aimed at reaching a cessation of hostilities, releasing the hostages and increasing the provision and distribution of humanitarian aid,

1. *Demands* an immediate ceasefire for the month of Ramadan respected by all parties leading to a lasting sustainable ceasefire, and also *demands* the immediate and unconditional release of all hostages, as well as ensuring humanitarian access to address their medical and other humanitarian needs, and further demands that the parties comply with their obligations under international law in relation to all persons they detain;

2. *Emphasizes* the urgent need to expand the flow of humanitarian assistance to and reinforce the protection of civilians in the entire Gaza Strip and reiterates its demand for the lifting of all barriers to the provision of humanitarian assistance at scale, in line with international humanitarian law as well as resolutions 2712 (2023) and 2720 (2023);

3. *Decides* to remain actively seized of the matter.

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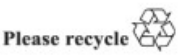

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25 March 2024 Report of the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Palestine

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Human Rights situation in Palestine and other occupied Arab territories

Anatomy of a Genocide

Report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967, Francesca Albanese*

Summary

After five months of military operations, Israel has destroyed Gaza. Over 30,000 Palestinians have been killed, including more than 13,000 children. Over 12,000 are presumed dead and 71,000 injured, many with life-changing mutilations. Seventy percent of residential areas have been destroyed. Eighty percent of the whole population has been forcibly displaced. Thousands of families have lost loved ones or have been wiped out. Many could not bury and mourn their relatives, forced instead to leave their bodies decomposing in homes, in the street or under the rubble. Thousands have been detained and systematically subjected to inhuman and degrading treatment. The incalculable collective trauma will be experienced for generations to come.

By analysing the patterns of violence and Israel's policies in its onslaught on Gaza, this report concludes that there are reasonable grounds to believe that the threshold indicating Israel's commission of genocide is met. One of the key findings is that Israel's executive and military leadership and soldiers have intentionally distorted *jus in bello* principles, subverting their protective functions, in an attempt to legitimize genocidal violence against the Palestinian people.

* The present report was submitted to the conference services for processing after the deadline so as to include the most recent information.

I. Introduction

1. In this report, Francesca Albanese, the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territory occupied since 1967 ("oPt"), addresses the crime of genocide as perpetrated by the State of Israel ("Israel") in the oPt, specifically in the Gaza Strip, since 7 October 2023. As Israel prohibits her visits, this report is based on data and analyses from organisations on the ground, international jurisprudence, investigative reports and consultations with affected individuals, authorities, civil society and experts.

2. The Special Rapporteur firmly condemns the crimes committed by Hamas and other Palestinian armed groups in Israel on 7 October and urges accountability and the release of hostages.[1] This report does not examine those events, as they are beyond the geographic scope of her mandate.[2] Nor does it examine the situation in the West Bank, including east Jerusalem.

3. Since it imposed the siege on Gaza in 2007, which tightened the closure imposed since 1993, Israel, the occupying power, has carried out five major assaults before the present one.

4. By Day 9, this assault had already caused more deaths (2,670)[3] than Israel's previous deadliest war against Gaza, in 2014 (2,251)[4]. Only a fraction of the mass killing, severe harm and ruthless, life-threatening conditions inflicted on Palestinians over the following five months of assault can be captured in this report.

5. UN independent experts,[5] scholars,[6] and states,[7] including South Africa before the International Court of Justice ("ICJ"),[8] have warned that acts committed in this latest onslaught may amount to genocide. The ICJ found a plausible risk of "irreparable prejudice" to the rights of Palestinians in Gaza, a protected group under the Genocide Convention,[9] and ordered Israel, *inter alia*, to "take all measures within its power" to prevent genocidal acts, prevent and punish incitement to genocide, and ensure urgent humanitarian aid.[10]

6. In its defense, Israel has argued that its conduct complies with international humanitarian law ("IHL").[11] A key finding of this report is that Israel has strategically invoked the IHL framework as "humanitarian camouflage" to legitimize its genocidal violence in Gaza.

7. The context, facts and analysis presented in this report lead to the conclusion that there are reasonable grounds to believe that the threshold indicating Israel's commission of genocide is met. More broadly, they also indicate that Israel's actions have been driven by a genocidal logic integral to its settler-colonial project in Palestine, signalling a tragedy foretold.

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II. Contextualizing genocide

A. Genocide as inherent to settler-colonialism

8. Genocide, as the denial of the right of a people to exist and the subsequent attempt or success in annihilating them, entails various modes of elimination.[12] Raphael Lemkin, who coined the term "genocide", observed that genocide is "a composite of different acts of persecution or destruction",[13] ranging from physical elimination to the "forced disintegration" of a people's political and social institutions, culture, language, national sentiments and religion.[14] Genocide is a process, not an act.[15]

9. Genocidal intent and practices are integral to the ideology and processes of settler-colonialism,[16] as the experience of Native Americans in the U.S., First Nations in Australia or Herero in Namibia illustrates. As settler-colonialism aims to acquire Indigenous land and resources, the mere existence of Indigenous peoples poses an existential threat to the settler society.[17] Destruction and replacement of Indigenous people become therefore 'unavoidable' and take place through different methods depending on the perceived threat to the settler group. These include removal (forcible transfer, ethnic cleansing), movement restrictions (segregation, largescale carceralization), mass killings (murder, disease, starvation), assimilation (cultural erasure, child removal) and birth prevention.[18] Settler-colonialism is a dynamic, structural process and a confluence of acts aimed at displacing and eliminating Indigenous groups, of which *genocidal extermination/annihilation* represents the peak.[19]

B. Palestine and the context of genocide

10. Historical patterns of genocide demonstrate that persecution, discrimination and other preliminary stages prepare the ground for the annihilation stage of genocide.[20] In Palestine, displacing and erasing the Indigenous Arab presence has been an inevitable part of the forming of Israel as a 'Jewish state'.[21] In 1940, Joseph Weitz, head of the Jewish Colonization Department stated: "there is no room for both peoples, together in this country. The only solution is Palestine without Arabs. And there is no other way but to transfer all of them: not one village, not one tribe should be left."[22]

11. Practices leading to the mass ethnic cleansing of Palestine's non-Jewish population occurred in 1947–1949, and again in 1967, when Israel occupied the West Bank, east Jerusalem and the Gaza Strip with mass displacement of hundreds of thousands, killings, destruction of villages and towns, looting and the denial of the right to return of expelled Palestinians.[23]

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12. Since 1967, Israel has advanced its settler-colonial project through military occupation, stripping the Palestinian people of their right to self-determination.[24] This has resulted in the segregation and control of Palestinians, including through land confiscation, house demolitions, revoked residencies and deportation.[25] Punishing their indigeneity and rejection of colonization, Israel construed Palestinians as a 'security threat' to justify their oppression and "de-civilianization", namely the denial of their status as protected civilians.[26]

13. Israel has progressively turned Gaza into a highly controlled enclave.[27] Since the 2005 evacuation of Israeli settlers (which Israel's current Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu strongly opposed),[28] Israel's settler movement and leaders have framed Gaza as a territory to be "re-colonized" and its population as invaders to be expelled.[29] These unlawful claims are integral to the project of consolidating the "exclusive and unassailable right of the Jewish people" on the land of "Greater Israel", as reaffirmed by Prime Minister Netanyahu in December 2022.[30]

14. This is the historical background against which the atrocities in Gaza are unfolding.

III. Legal Framework

15. The 1948 Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide ("the Convention") codifies genocide as an international crime the prohibition of which is a non-derogable peremptory norm (*jus cogens*). The *erga omnes* obligation to prevent and punish genocide binds all states under both the Convention and customary international law and requires them all to prevent and prosecute genocidal acts.[31] Genocide cannot be justified under any circumstances, including purported self-defence.[32] Complicity is expressly prohibited, giving rise to obligations for third states.[33]

16. The ICJ and the International Criminal Court ("ICC") have jurisdiction over the crime of genocide,[34] and so do State domestic courts. Prior to the establishment of the ICC, *ad hoc* international criminal tribunals advanced their interpretation of what constitutes genocide,[35] its intent and required evidence.[36]

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[24] http://www.undocs.org/A/77/35 (2022)

[25] https://badil.org/phocadownloadpap/badil-new/publications/research/working-papers/FT-Coercive-Environments.pdf (2017)

[26] http://www.undocs.org/A/HRC/53/59 paras. 80, 95

[27] *Ibid*, para. 82

[28] https://www.theguardian.com/world/2005/aug/08/israel

[29] Nicola Perugini, "Settler-Colonial Inversions: Israel's 'disengagement' and the Gush Katif 'Museum of Expulsion' in Jerusalem", *Settler-Colonial Studies*, vol. 9.1 (2019), pp. 44-45; Smotrich, https://hashiloach.org.il/israels-decisive-plan/; see https://www.jpost.com/israel-news/otzma-candidate-ben-gvir-calls-to-return-to-gush-katif-584665

[30] https://www.reuters.com/world/middle-east/netanyahu-set-retake-power-head-far-right-government-2022-12-29/. See also *Jewish Nation-State Basic Law* of 19 July 2018

[31] M. Cherif Bassiouni, "International Crimes: Jus Cogens and Obligatio Erga Omnes", *Law and Contemporary Problems*, vol. 59, no. 4 (1996), p. 68; A/CN.4/L.960/Add.1 (2022), conclusions 5, 17.

[32] William Schabas, *Genocide in International Law: The Crime of Crimes* (Cambridge: 2009), p.395; A/CN.4/L.960/Add.1 (2022), conclusions 3, 17.

[33] Convention, article III

[34] https://www.un.org/en/genocideprevention/documents/atrocity-crimes/Doc.1_Convention%20on%20the%20Prevention%20and%20Punishment%20of%20the%20Crime%20of%20Genocide.pdf, article IX; and https://www.icc-cpi.int/sites/default/files/RS-Eng.pdf (1998), article 6

[35] https://www.ohchr.org/en/instruments-mechanisms/instruments/statute-international-tribunal-prosecution-persons-responsible (1993); http://www.undocs.org/S/RES/955(1994) (1994); *Prosecutor v. Blagojević and Jokić*, IT-02-60-T ICTY, Judgement, 17 January 2005; *Prosecutor v. Brdjanin*, IT-99-36-T ICTY, Judgement, 01 September 2004; *Prosecutor v. Krstić*, IT-98-33-T ICTY, Judgement, 02 August 2001; *Prosecutor v. Jelisić*, IT-95-10-T ICTY, Judgement, 14 December 1999

[36] *Prosecutor v. Popović et al.*, IT-05-88-A ICTY, Appeal-Judgement, 30 January 2015; *Prosecutor v. Karadžić*, IT-95-5/18-T ICTY, Judgement, 24 March 2016; *Prosecutor v. Mladic*, IT-09-92-T ICTY, Judgement, 22 November 2017; *Prosecutor v. Tolimir*, IT-05-88/2-A ICTY, Appeal-Judgement, 08 April 2015

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A. Constitutive elements of genocide

17. The Convention codifies genocide as "any of the [specified] acts committed with intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnical, racial or religious group, as such."[37] Accordingly, the crime of genocide comprises two interconnected elements:

(a) The *actus reus*: the commission of any one or more specific acts against a protected group, namely:

(i) killing members of the group;

(ii) causing serious bodily or mental harm to members of the group;

(iii) deliberately inflicting on the group conditions of life calculated to bring about its physical destruction in whole or in part;

(iv) imposing measures intended to prevent births within the group;

(v) forcibly transferring children of the group to another group.[38]

(b) The *mens rea*: the intent behind the commission of one or more of the above-mentioned acts that must be established, which includes two intertwined elements:

(i) a general intention to carry out the criminal acts (*dolus generalis*), and

(ii) a specific intention to destroy the target group as such (*dolus specialis*).[39]

18. Both components must be satisfied for conduct to legally constitute genocide.[40] The perpetrator's intent to destroy the group in whole or in part distinguishes genocidal acts from other international crimes.[41] Specific intent may be established by direct evidence, e.g. statements by high command or official documents, or inferred from patterns of conduct.[42] In the latter case, the patterns of conduct or the manner in which the acts are perpetrated must be such that they "only point to the existence of such [genocidal] intent",[43] and the existence of intent results in "the only inference that could reasonably be drawn."[44]

19. Evidence of the result is required to establish the commission of three of the underlying acts (killing, inflicting harm and transferring children).[45] For the remaining two acts (inflicting conditions calculated to destroy the group and preventing births), the evidentiary threshold requires proof of an *intent to achieve* a given outcome, rather than its achievement.[46] Accordingly, if displacement, ethnic cleansing or mass deportation are perpetrated with the requisite intent to destroy the protected group as such, this may amount to genocide.[47] Similarly, these displacement actions can also be evidence of specific genocidal intent.[48]

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[37] Convention, article II

[38] *Ibid*; Rome Statute, article 6

[39] Kai Ambos, "What Does 'Intent to Destroy' in Genocide Mean?", *International Review of the Red Cross*, vol. 91, no. 876 (2009), p. 834

[40] ICJ, *Bosnia and Herzegovina v. Serbia and Montenegro*, Judgment (2007), paras. 187-188

[41] *Prosecutor v. Kupreskic et al.*, IT-95-16-T ICTY, Judgement, 14 January 2000, para. 636

[42] https://ccrjustice.org/sites/default/files/attach/2023/11/Declaration Expert William Schabas_w.pdf 11 January 24, para. 16

[43] *Bosnia v. Serbia* (footnote 40), para. 373

[44] ICJ, *Croatia v. Serbia*, Judgment (2015), para. 148

[45] Schabas, *Genocide in International Law* (footnote 32), p. 177

[46] *Ibid.*, pp. 177, 192, 195-197; *A-G Israel v. Eichmann* (1968), para. 196

[47] ICJ, *Gambia v. Myanmar*, Joint Declaration of Intervention of Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom (2023), paras. 44-47; ICJ, *Bosnia v. Serbia*, Provisional-Measures-Judgement, 1993, Judge-Lauterpacht, para. 123; and Judgment (2007), para. 190; *Prosecutor v. Karadžić and Mladić*, IT-95-5-R61 ICTY, Review-of-Indictments, 16 July 1996, para. 94; *Prosecutor v. Krstić*, IT-98-33-A ICTY, Appeal Judgement, 19 April 2004, para. 31-33

[48] *Gambia v. Myanmar* (footnote 47), para. 72-74; IT-98-33-A, paras. 31-33

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B. State Responsibility and Individual Criminal Liability

20. The crime of genocide gives rise to both individual and State responsibility. The Convention stresses the need for individual accountability before domestic or international courts,[49] regardless of any official role held by the perpetrator.[50] Individual criminal liability arises from direct involvement in committing, attempting, conspiring, directly and publicly inciting, planning, instigating, ordering and aiding and abetting (complicity in) genocidal acts, requiring a specific intent to contribute to the destruction of the target group.[51] This implies *knowledge* of the possibility that an act will result in destruction of the group in whole or in part.[52] Genocide gives rise to State responsibility when an individual has committed genocide exercising state authority; in this case the individual's conduct is attributable to the State.[53]

IV. Genocidal Acts in Gaza

21. Genocidal acts can include deliberate actions or omissions, including the failure to protect the group from harm.[54] The evidence presented in the following sections suggests Israel has committed at least three of the acts proscribed in the Convention.

A. "Killing Members of the Group"

22. This act encompasses deaths resulting from direct actions or arising from neglect, including those caused by deliberate starvation, disease or other survival-threatening conditions imposed on the group.[55]

23. Since 7 October, Israel has killed over 30,000 Palestinians in Gaza, equivalent to approximately 1.4 percent of its population, through lethal weapons and deliberate imposition of life-threatening conditions. By the end of February, a further 12,000 Palestinians were reported missing, presumed dead under the rubble.[56]

24. During the first months of the campaign, Israel's army employed over 25,000 tons of explosives (equivalent to two nuclear bombs)[57] on innumerable buildings, many of which were identified as targets by Artificial Intelligence.[58] Israel used unguided munitions ("dumb bombs")[59] and 2000-pound "bunker buster" bombs on densely populated areas and "safe zones".[60] In the initial weeks, Israeli forces killed around 250 people daily, including 100

[49] Rome Statute, article 6

[50] Convention, article IV

[51] Convention, article III; Rome Statute, article 25

[52] *Prosecutor v. Popović et al.*, IT-05-88-T ICTY, Judgement, 10 June 2010, para. 1178; IT-98-33-T, para. 595; Ambos, "What Does 'Intent to Destroy' in Genocide Mean?" (footnote 39), p. 841

[53] http://www.undocs.org/A/RES/56/83 (2002), article 4; *Bosnia v. Serbia* (footnote 40), paras. 384, 385-386, 396-400

[54] *Prosecutor v. Kambanda*, ICTR-97-23-S, Judgment, 04 September 1998, para.39 (ix); Schabas, *Genocide in International Law* (footnote 32), pp. 177–178.

[55] ICC, *Elements of Crimes*, (2013), p. 113; *Prosecutor v. Krnojelac*, IT-97-25-T, Judgement, 15 March 2002, para. 326; Schabas, *Genocide in International Law* (footnote 32), p. 180

[56] https://www.unrwa.org/resources/reports/unrwa-situation-report-86-situation-gaza-strip-and-west-bank-including-east-Jerusalem

[57] https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/2023/11/13/palestine-gaza-west-bank-nakba-displacement-israel-catastrophe/; https://www.972mag.com/mass-assassination-factory-israel-calculated-bombing-gaza/; https://www.theguardian.com/world/2023/dec/01/the-gospel-how-israel-uses-ai-to-select-bombing-targets

[58] https://www.972mag.com/mass-assassination-factory-israel-calculated-bombing-gaza/; Omar Yusef Shehabi and Asaf Lubin, "Algorithms of War: Military AI and the War in Gaza", *Articles of War*, 24 January 2024

[59] https://www.washingtonpost.com/national-security/2023/12/14/israel-unguided-dumb-bombs-gaza/

[60] https://edition.cnn.com/gaza-israel-big-bombs/index.html; https://www.nytimes.com/2023/12/21/world/middleeast/israel-gaza-bomb-investigation.html

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children,[61] in attacks obliterating entire neighbourhoods and essential infrastructure.[62] Thousands were killed by bombing, sniper fire or in summary executions;[63] thousands more were killed while fleeing via routes and in areas declared "safe" by Israel.[64] The victims included 125 journalists and 340 doctors, nurses and other health workers (four percent of Gaza's healthcare personnel), students, academics, scientists and their family members.[65]

25. Seventy percent of recorded deaths have consistently been women and children. Israel failed to prove that the remaining 30 percent, i.e. adult males, were active Hamas combatants – a necessary condition for them to be lawfully targeted. By early-December, Israel's security advisors claimed the killing of "7,000 terrorists" in a stage of the campaign when less than 5,000 adult males in total had been identified among the casualties, thus implying that all adult males killed were "terrorists".[66] This is indicative of an intent to indiscriminately target members of the protected group, assimilating them to active fighter status by default.

26. Moreover, Israel's heightened blockade of Gaza has caused death by starvation, including 10 children daily, by impeding access to vital supplies.[67] Lack of hygiene and overcrowded shelters could cause more deaths than bombings,[68] having created "the perfect storm for disease".[69] A quarter of Gaza's population could die from preventable health conditions within a year.[70]

B. "Causing serious bodily or mental harm to members of the group"

27. This act must involve "a grave and long-term disadvantage to a person's ability to lead a normal and constructive life".[71] The harm does not need to be permanent or irremediable,[72] and can be brought about by various causes as torture, inhuman or degrading treatment,[73] sexual violence,[74] persecution,[75] deportation[76] or other conditions "designed to cause victims' degradation and deprivation of their rights, and to suppress them and cause inhumane suffering and torture".[77]

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61 https://www.savethechildren.org.au/media/media-releases/gaza-10000-children-killed-in-nearly-100-days-of

62 https://www.ochaopt.org/content/hostilities-gaza-strip-and-israel-flash-update-72; https://www.972mag.com/mass-assassination-factory-israel-calculated-bombing-gaza/

63 https://www.un.org/unispal/document/unlawful-killings-in-gaza-city-ohchr-press-release/; https://www.pbs.org/newshour/world/israeli-strikes-kill-civilians-sheltering-in-northern-gaza-as-assault-on-hamas-intensifies.

64 https://www.ochaopt.org/content/hostilities-gaza-strip-and-israel-reported-impact-day-22; https://www.ochaopt.org/content/hostilities-gaza-strip-and-israel-reported-impact-day-45; https://www.theguardian.com/world/2023/oct/14/gaza-civilians-afraid-to-leave-home-after-bombing-of-safe-routes

65 https://www.ochaopt.org/content/hostilities-gaza-strip-and-israel-reported-impact-day-145

66 https://www.timesofisrael.com/liveblog_entry/israel-has-killed-over-7000-terrorists-no-deadline-for-gaza-war-national-security-adviser/ 09 December 2023; https://www.ochaopt.org/content/hostilities-gaza-strip-and-israel-reported-impact-day-63

67 https://www.wfp.org/news/preventing-famine-and-deadly-disease-outbreaks-gaza-requires-faster-safer-aid-access-and-more

68 https://gaza-projections.org/

69 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2MJFBaUXvYU&ab_channel=MiddleEastEye 06 December 2023; https://www.bostonreview.net/articles/the-war-on-hospitals/ 20 December 2023; https://www.emro.who.int/images/stories/Sitrep_-_issue_22.pdf?ua=1 30 January 2024

70 https://gaza-projections.org/

71 IT-98-33-T, para. 513; *Prosecutor v. Krajišnik,* IT-00-39-T ICTY, Judgement, 27 September 2006, para. 862

72 Schabas, *Genocide in International Law* (footnote 32), pp. 182, 184

73 *Prosecutor v. Akayesu*, ICTR-96-4-T, Judgement, 02 September 1998, para. 503

74 Ibid., para.731; *Prosecutor v. Stakic*, IT-97-24-T ICTY, Judgement, 31 July 2003, para. 516; IT-95-5-R61, para. 93

75 ICTR-96-4-T, para. 503; *A-G Israel v. Eichmann* (footnote 46), para. 199

76 ICTY-98-33-T, para. 513

77 Schabas, *Genocide in International Law* (footnote 32) p. 182

28. Since 7 October, Palestinians have suffered relentless physical and psychological harm. Many have endured violence and deprivation including severe hunger.[78]

29. Israeli forces have detained thousands of Palestinians, mostly men and young boys, often refusing to disclose their whereabouts.[79] Many of them have been severely mistreated, including through torture at times leading to death.[80]

30. Israel's lethal weapons and methods have injured seventy-thousand Palestinians, many with agonizing injuries, in some cases leading to long-term impairment or death.[81]

31. By causing critical shortages of medical supplies, including antibiotics and disinfectants, Israel's actions resulted in hazardous health procedures, such as amputations without anaesthetics, including on children.[82] This has also prevented the administration of life-saving treatment to those with medical conditions, including chronic diseases.[83]

32. The survivors will carry an indelible trauma, having witnessed so much death, and experienced destruction, homelessness, emotional and material loss, endless humiliation and fear.[84] Such experiences include fleeing amidst the chaos of war without telecommunications and electricity; witnessing the systematic destruction of entire neighbourhoods, homes, universities, religious and cultural landmarks;[85] digging through the rubble, often with bare hands, searching for loved ones;[86] seeing bodies desecrated;[87] being rounded up, stripped naked, blindfolded and subjected to torture and other cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment;[88] and ultimately, being starved, adults and children alike.[89]

33. The savagery of Israel's latest assault is best illustrated by the torment inflicted upon children of all ages,[90] killed or rescued from under the rubble, maimed, orphaned,[91] many without surviving family.[92] Considering the significance of children to the future development of a society, inflicting serious bodily or mental harm to them can be reasonably "interpreted as a means to destroy the group in whole or in part".[93]

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[78] https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2024/03/un-experts-condemn-flour-massacre-urge-israel-end-campaign-starvation-gaza

[79] https://www.adalah.org/uploads/uploads/Submission_SR_Torture_final-15.2.24.pdf

[80] https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2024/02/israelopt-un-experts-appalled-reported-human-rights-violations-against; https://www.nytimes.com/2024/01/23/world/middleeast/israel-gaza-palestinian-detainees.html; https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/news/2023/12/urgently-investigate-inhumane-treatment-and-enforced-disappearance-of-palestinians-detainees-from-gaza; IT-09-92-T, para. 634-691, 835-838, 3451; IT-05-88-T, para. 1097, 1120, 1122, 1177

[81] https://www.msf.org/no-safe-place-gaza-people-are-crushed-continuous-bombing; https://amnesty.ca/human-rights-news/israel-opt-identifying-the-israeli-armys-use-of-white-phosphorus-in-gaza/; https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/white-phosphorus

[82] https://news.un.org/en/story/2024/01/1145332; https://www.emro.who.int/media/news/risk-of-disease-spread-soars-in-gaza-as-health-facilities-water-and-sanitation-systems-disrupted.html; https://www.savethechildren.net/news/gaza-more-10-children-day-lose-limb-three-months-brutal-conflict

[83] https://news.un.org/en/story/2023/12/1145017

[84] IT-98-33-T, para 596

[85] https://press.un.org/en/2024/sc15564.doc.htm

[86] https://www.aljazeera.com/gallery/2023/11/10/this-israel-war-has-no-mercy-gaza-civil-rescuers-say

[87] https://edition.cnn.com/2023/12/23/middleeast/kamal-adwan-hospital-gaza-israel-abuse-allegations-intl-cmd/index.html

[88] https://www.alhaq.org/advocacy/22337.html; https://reliefweb.int/report/occupied-palestinian-territory/un-human-rights-office-opt-disturbing-reports-north-gaza-mass-detentions-ill-treatment-and-enforced-disappearances-possibly-thousands-palestinians; https://www.ochaopt.org/content/hostilities-gaza-strip-and-israel-flash-update-73; https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-briefing-notes/2024/01/gaza-report-ground

[89] https://edition.cnn.com/2024/01/30/middleeast/famine-looms-in-gaza-israel-war-intl/index.html

[90] https://www.savethechildren.net/news/children-s-mental-health-gaza-pushed-beyond-breaking-point-after-nearly-month-siege-and

[91] By January there were 17,000 unaccompanied children, see https://www.unicef.org/sop/reports/unicef-state-palestine-escalation-humanitarian-situation-report-no17

[92] https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/2024/02/29/gaza-children-wcnsf-orphans/

[93] *Gambia v. Myanmar* (footnote 47), para. 39

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C. "Deliberately inflicting on the group conditions of life calculated to bring about its physical destruction in whole or in part"

34. This act involves conduct that does not directly kill members of the group, but is *capable of leading*, through various means, to its physical destruction.[94] These may include starving, dehydrating, forcibly displacing the protected group, destroying objects indispensable for their survival, reducing essential medical services to below the minimum requirement,[95] depriving of housing, clothes, education, employment and hygiene.[96]

35. By mid-December, Israel's bombs and shells had destroyed or severely damaged most life-sustaining infrastructure, including 77 percent of healthcare facilities, 68 percent of telecommunication infrastructure, large numbers of municipal services (72), commercial and industrial sites (76), almost half of all roads,[97] over 60 percent of Gaza's 439,000 homes,[98] 68 percent of residential buildings,[99] all universities, 60 percent of other educational facilities, including 13 libraries.[100] Israel has also destroyed at least 195 heritage sites, 208 mosques, 3 churches, and Gaza's Central Archives (150 years of history).[101] By the end of January, over one million civilians were forcibly displaced southward, their cities devastated.[102]

36. Sixteen years of blockade had already transformed Gaza into an isolated, densely populated depleted and nearly "uninhabitable" enclave, when, on 9 October 2023, Israeli Defense Minister Yoav Gallant, announced a "complete siege (…) no electricity, no food, no water, no fuel".[103] Israeli Minister of Foreign Affairs Israel Katz (then Minister of Energy) went further: "Humanitarian aid to Gaza? No electrical switch will be turned on, no water hydrant will be opened."[104] Deliberately denying essential supplies to an already besieged population was destined to cause deaths "more silent than those caused by bombs".[105]

37. The total siege and near-constant carpet-bombing, along with draconian evacuation orders and ever-shifting 'safe zones', have created an unparalleled humanitarian catastrophe. Over 1.7 million Palestinians were displaced and forced into overcrowded UNRWA shelters and cramped quarters in southern Gaza,[106] systematically targeted by the Israeli army, and later into makeshift shelters.[107]

38. Israel's assault has decimated Gaza's already fragile healthcare system.[108] Hospitals, also sheltering displaced Palestinians, have been overwhelmed.[109] By deliberately targeting

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94 Convention, article II(c); Rome Statute, article 6; ICTR-96-4-T, paras. 505–506

95 ICTR-96-4-T, paras 505–506; *Prosecutor v Rutaganda*, ICTR-96-3-T, Judgement 06 December 1999 para 52

96 IT-97-24-T, para. 517

97 https://www.wsj.com/world/middle-east/gaza-destruction-bombing-israel-aa528542

98 https://www.ochaopt.org/content/hostilities-gaza-strip-and-israel-reported-impact-day-70

99 https://www.conflict-damage.org/; https://unosat.org/products/3793

100 https://www.ochaopt.org/content/hostilities-gaza-strip-and-israel-reported-impact-day-145; https://librarianswithpalestine.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/LAP-Gaza-Report-2024.pdf

101 https://www.ica.org/statement-of-the-international-council-on-archives-on-the-destruction-of-the-central-archives-of-the-municipality-of-gaza/; https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2024/1/14/a-cultural-genocide-which-of-gazas-heritage-sites-have-been-destroyed

102 https://www.ochaopt.org/content/hostilities-gaza-strip-and-israel-flash-update-107

103 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZbPdR3E4hCk 09 October 2023

104 https://www.theguardian.com/world/2023/oct/12/no-power-water-or-fuel-to-gaza-until-hostages-freed-says-israeli-minister 12 October 2023

105 https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2023/11/israel-must-stop-using-water-weapon-war-un-expert

106 https://www.ochaopt.org/content/hostilities-gaza-strip-and-israel-flash-update-108

107 https://www.unocha.org/publications/report/occupied-palestinian-territory/hostilities-gaza-strip-and-israel-flash-update-108

108 https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2023/12/gaza-un-expert-condemns-unrelenting-war-health-system-amid-airstrikes; https://edition.cnn.com/interactive/2024/01/middleeast/gaza-hospitals-destruction-investigation-intl-cmd

109 https://forensic-architecture.org/investigation/destruction-of-medical-infrastructure-in-gaza; https://x.com/UNOCHA/status/1719305737782878629?s=20; https://www.ochaopt.org/content/hostilities-gaza-strip-and-israel-flash-update-17; https://www.ochaopt.org/content/hostilities-gaza-strip-and-israel-flash-update-24

hospitals,[110] air and ground attacks gradually turned them into death zones.[111] Israeli soldiers have occupied hospitals,[112] encircling them with tanks and (drone-)snipers.[113] By 12 February, only 11 of 36 hospitals and 17 percent of primary healthcare centres were functioning, only partially.[114] Israeli soldiers have arrested, mistreated and tortured medical staff, patients and displaced people,[115] and forced them – even premature babies – out of hospitals, in some cases causing the death of babies.[116] The doctors who remained have worked night and day, making "impossible decisions" on patients to treat based on chance of survival.[117]

39. Ground invasion and aerial bombardment have destroyed agricultural land,[118] farms, crops, animals and fishing assets,[119] gravely undermining people's livelihoods, the environment and agricultural system.

40. From 8–21 October, Israel impeded the entry of any aid into Gaza, subsequently allowing woefully inadequate amounts,[120] largely confined to the south.[121] No fuel supplies were delivered until 18 November.[122] In January, Israel-led attacks against UNRWA, the main agency providing a lifeline of support in Gaza, resulted in several States suspending payments to UNRWA, further aggravating the humanitarian situation.[123]

41. By 7 December, over 90 percent of Gaza residents were suffering from severe food insecurity.[124] By February 2024, Palestinians trapped in northern Gaza resorted to animal

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feed and grass for sustenance,[125] with deaths by starvation on the rise.[126] Between mid-January and the end of February, the UN recorded numerous attacks against Palestinians seeking aid.[127]

42. The supply of water was also severely affected.[128] Fuel scarcity hampered water sanitation, driving people to use water contaminated by sewage, solid waste and seawater.[129]

43. The impact of these conditions on children is well-known:[130] in Gaza the risk of starvation,[131] with thousands suffering from wasting,[132] is already a tangible horrific reality.

44. These human-made conditions have put at risk an estimated 50,000 pregnant Palestinian women and 20,000 newborn babies,[133] and increased miscarriages by up to 300 percent.[134]

45. Gaza has been completely sacked. Israel's relentless targeting of all means of basic survival has compromised the ability of Palestinians in Gaza to live on that land.[135] This engineered collapse of life-sustaining infrastructure corresponds to the stated intentions to make Gaza "permanently impossible to live in" where "no human being can exist".[136]

V. Genocidal Intent

46. The definition of genocide requires the commission of any of the listed acts with a specific intent. It must be established that the perpetrator, by committing one or more of the prohibited acts, seeks to achieve the total or partial destruction of a national, ethnical, racial or religious group, as such.[137] This intent must be established either through direct or indirect evidence.[138]

47. As genocide is an organized crime, the commission of which invariably implies a *collective dimension*,[139] evidence of a state plan, including through statements and declarations by state officials, is usually decisive in establishing direct intent.[140]

48. Proof of indirect intent can be inferred from facts or circumstances, including the overall context of the acts or omissions, scale of atrocities, systematic targeting of victims based on their affiliation with a particular group, perpetration of other "culpable acts"

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directed against the group, or repetition of destructive and discriminatory acts.[141] The ICC requires that such facts or circumstances take "place in the context of a manifest pattern of similar conduct directed against the group or… conduct that could itself effect such destruction".[142] International tribunals have also established that indirect intent can consist of a manifest pattern of similar conduct over time.[143] The systematicity with which genocidal acts are committed implies a degree of "preconceived plan or policy".[144]

49. The nature and scale of the atrocities, if demonstrably capable of achieving the genocidal outcome, are strong evidence of intent.[145] The words of state authorities, including dehumanizing language, combined with acts, are considered a circumstantial basis from which intent can be inferred.[146] Dehumanization can be understood as foundational to the process of genocide.[147] Evidence of context may help determine the intent, and must be considered with the actual conduct: intent should be evident above all from words and deeds, and "patterns of purposeful action",[148] such that no other inference can be reasonably drawn.[149]

50. In the latest Gaza assault, direct evidence of genocidal intent is uniquely present. Vitriolic genocidal rhetoric has painted the whole population as the enemy to be eliminated and forcibly displaced.[150] High-ranking Israeli officials with command authority have issued harrowing public statements evincing genocidal intent, including as follows:

(a) President Isaac Herzog stated that "an entire nation out there…is responsible" for the 7 October attack, and that Israel would "break their backbone";[151]

(b) Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu referred to Palestinians as "Amalek"[152] and "monsters".[153] The Amalek reference is to a biblical passage in which God commands Saul "Now go and smite Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and spare them not; but slay both man and woman, infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and ass".[154]

(c) Minister of Defense Yoav Gallant referred to Palestinians as "human animals",[155] and announced "full offense" on Gaza, having "released all the restraints", and that "Gaza will never return to what it was";[156]

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(d) IDF Spokesperson Daniel Hagari stated that focus should be on causing "maximum damage", demonstrating a strategy of disproportionate and indiscriminate violence;[157]

(e) Minister of Agriculture Avi Dichter referred to Israel's action as "the Gaza Nakba";[158]

(f) Minister of Heritage Amihai Eliyahu called for striking Gaza with "nuclear bombs";[159]

(g) Likud MK Revital Gottlieb wrote on her social media: "Bring down buildings!! Bomb without distinction!!…Flatten Gaza. Without mercy! This time, there is no room for mercy!".[160]

51. Such calls for annihilatory violence directed at troops on duty,[161] constitute strong evidence of direct and public incitement to commit genocide.[162] Decades of discourse dehumanizing Palestinians have prepared the groundwork for such incitements.[163]

52. Since 7 October, the proliferation of statements inciting genocide have also involved several sectors of Israeli society, religious leaders,[164] journalists,[165] artists,[166] and various professionals (including doctors[167] and political commentators[168]).

53. There is cogent evidence that these statements have been internalized and acted upon by troops on the ground.[169] Israeli soldiers have, including on social media channels run by the Israeli military,[170] referred to Palestinians as "terrorists", "roaches", "rats",[171] and have

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repeated terms articulated by political leaders, chanting that "there are no 'uninvolved civilians'",[172] while also calling for the building of settlements in Gaza,[173] "occupy[ing] Gaza... wip[ing] off the seed of Amalek",[174] boasting about killing "families, mothers, and children",[175] humiliating detained Palestinians,[176] detonating dozens of homes,[177] destroying entire residential neighbourhoods,[178] and desecrating cemeteries and places of worship.[179]

54. Israel's Prime Minister and President have stated that Israel was fighting on behalf of "all civilized states and… peoples",[180] "a barbarism that has no place in the modern world,"[181] that they "will uproot evil and it will be good for the entire region and the world".[182] This racist rhetoric echoes that of other colonial powers, and tries to construe Israel's genocidal violence as legitimate in light of Palestinians' alleged "barbarian" and "premodern" character.[183]

VI. Humanitarian camouflage: distorting the laws of war to conceal genocidal intent

55. A core feature of Israel's conduct since 7 October has been the intensification of its de-civilianization of Palestinians, a protected group under the Convention. Israel has used IHL terminology to justify its systematic use of lethal violence against Palestinian civilians as a group and the extensive destruction of life-sustaining infrastructures. Israel has done this by deploying IHL concepts such as human shields, collateral damage, safe zones, evacuations and medical protection in such a permissive manner so as to gut these concepts of their normative content, subverting their protective purpose and ultimately eroding the distinction between civilians and combatants in Israeli actions in Gaza.[184]

56. Official statements[185] have translated into military conduct that repudiates the very notion of civilian protection. Israel has thus radically altered the balance struck by IHL

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between civilian protection and military necessity, as well as the customary rules of distinction, proportionality and precaution. This has obscured one cardinal tenet of IHL: indiscriminate attacks, which do not distinguish military targets from protected persons and objects, cannot be proportionate and are always unlawful.[186]

57. On the ground, this distortion of IHL articulated by Israel as a state policy in its official documents, has transformed an entire national group and its inhabited space into a destroyable target, revealing an eliminationist conduct of hostilities. This has had devastating effects, costing the lives of tens of thousands of Palestinian civilians, destroying the structural fabric of life in Gaza and causing irreparable harm. This illustrates a clear pattern of conduct from which the requisite genocidal intent is the only reasonable inference to be drawn.[187]

A. Human Shields and the logic of genocide

58. IHL strictly prohibits the use of human shields.[188] Their use constitutes a war crime,[189] as it violates the duty to protect the civilian population from dangers arising from military operations.[190] When human shields are used, the attacking party must take into account the risk to civilians.[191] Indiscriminate or disproportionate harm to civilians remains unlawful and the civilian population can *never* be targeted.

59. Israel has accused Palestinian armed groups of deliberately using civilians as human shields in previous aggressions on Gaza (including in 2008-09,[192] 2012,[193] 2014,[194] 2021[195] and 2022[196]). It also used it to justify high civilian casualties and attacks against paramedics, journalists and others during the 2018–2019 'Great March of Return'.[197] UN independent fact-finding missions[198] and reputable human rights organizations[199] have consistently challenged these allegations, sometimes concluding that evidence of human shields had been

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fabricated.[200] Nevertheless, Israel has used these accusations – sometimes then retracted[201] – to justify widespread and systematic killing of Palestinian civilians in its ongoing assault.[202]

60. After 7 October, this *macro-characterization* of Gaza's civilians as a population of human shields has reached unprecedented levels, with Israel's top-ranking political and military leaders consistently framing civilians as either Hamas operatives, "accomplices", or human shields among whom Hamas is "embedded".[203] In November, Israel's Ministry of Foreign Affairs defined "*the* residents of the Gaza Strip as human shields" and accused Hamas of using "*the* civilian population as human shields".[204] The Ministry defines armed groups fighting from urban areas as deliberately "embedded" in the population to such an extent that it "cannot be concluded from the mere fact that seeming 'civilians' or 'civilian objects' have been targeted, that an attack was unlawful".[205] Two rhetorical elements of this key legal policy document indicate the intention to transform the entire Gaza population and its infrastructures of life into a 'legitimate' targetable shield: the use of the all-encompassing *the* combined with the quotation marks to qualify civilians and civilian objects. Israel has thus sought to camouflage genocidal intent with humanitarian law jargon.

61. International law does not permit the blanket claim that an opposing force is using the entire population as human shields *en bloc*. Any such usage must be assessed and established on a case-by-case basis before each individual attack.[206] The crime of using human shields occurs when the use of civilians or civilian objects to impede attacks on lawful targets is the result of a deliberate tactical choice, not merely arising from the nature of the battlefield, such as hostilities in densely populated urban terrain.[207]

62. Nevertheless, Israeli authorities have characterized churches,[208] mosques,[209] schools,[210] UN facilities,[211] universities,[212] hospitals and ambulances[213] as connected with Hamas to reinforce the perception of a population characterized as broadly 'complicit' and therefore killable. Significant numbers of Palestinian civilians are defined as human shields

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200 Law For Palestine, Submission to the ICC [Forthcoming]

201 http://www.undocs.org/A/HRC/12/48 (2009), paras. 449–452; https://www.amnesty.org.uk/files/2022-10/Gaza Offensive.pdf?VersionId=f4O59c6Vn1FMnx5KvdJbnqVxAhXVvhVR - :~:text=On%205%20August%202022%2C%20Israel,five%20children%20at%20a%20cemetery

202 https://www.gov.il/BlobFolder/generalpage/swords-of-iron-faq-6-dec-2023/en/English_Documents_Israel-Hamas Conflict 2023 - FAQs (Israel MFA, 6.12.23).pdf: FAQs, pp. 2–3

203 https://www.gov.il/en/departments/news/president-herzog-reveals-hamas-captive-taking-handbook-15-oct-2023; https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/speeches-remarks/2023/10/18/remarks-by-president-biden-and-prime-minister-benjamin-netanyahu-of-israel-before-expanded-bilateral-meeting-tel-aviv-israel/; https://www.gov.il/en/departments/news/1swordsofiron151023; https://www.idf.il/en/mini-sites/hamas-israel-war-24/briefings-by-idf-spokesperson-rear-admiral-daniel-hagari/october-press-briefings/press-briefing-by-idf-spokesperson-rear-admiral-daniel-hagari-october-10th-evening/

204 https://www.gov.il/BlobFolder/generalpage/swords-of-iron-faq-6-dec-2023/en/English_Documents_Hamas-Israel Conflict 2023 - Some Factual and Legal Aspects - Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2 NOV 2023).pdf: :Key Legal Aspects, 02 November 2023, p. 7, 9

205 *Ibid*, p. 2

206 Stéphanie Bouchié de Belle, "Chained to Cannons or Wearing Targets on Their T-shirts: Human Shields in International Humanitarian Law", ICRC, vol. 90, no. 872 (2008), pp. 899-905

207 *Ibid.*, pp. 890-898; R. Geiß and J. G. Devaney, "Zealots, Victims and Captives: Maintaining Adequate Protection of Human Shields in Contemporary International Humanitarian Law", *Israel Yearbook on Human Rights*, vol. 47 (2017), p. 11.

208 https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2023/10/20/war-crime-israel-bombs-gaza-church-sheltering-displaced-people - :~:text=War%20on%20Gaza-,Israel%20bombs%20Greek%20Orthodox%20Gaza%20church%20sheltering%20displaced%20people,%27large%20number%27%20of%20people.

209 https://twitter.com/IDF/status/1727059761466650632?s=20

210 https://twitter.com/IDF/status/1725683576522334603?s=20

211 https://www.cbsnews.com/news/israel-photos-hamas-gaza-weapons-un-facilities-including-schools/, 08/11/2023; https://twitter.com/IDF/status/1724002788810600946?s=20

212 https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/academia-gaza-has-been-destroyed-israeli-educide

213 https://twitter.com/IDF/status/1725455901824323697?s=20

simply by being in "proximity to" potential Israeli targets.[214] Israel has thus transformed Gaza into a "world without civilians" in which "everything from taking shelter in hospitals to fleeing for safety is declared a form of human shielding".[215] The accusation of using human shields has thus become a pretext, justifying the killing of civilians under a cloak of purported legality, whose all-enveloping pervasiveness admits only of genocidal intent.

B. Turning Gaza as a whole into a 'military objective'

63. International law stipulates that attacks must be "strictly limited" to those objects which "by their nature, location, purpose or use make an effective contribution to military action", whose "total or partial destruction, capture or neutralization" in the circumstances ruling at the time "must offer a definite military advantage".[216]

64. Israel has misused this rule to "militarize" civilian objects and whatever surrounds them, justifying their indiscriminate destruction. According to Israel's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, "many ostensibly civilian objects may become legitimate targets",[217] losing their protection under IHL or become "collateral" damage as a result of Hamas's choice. Gaza's civilian population and infrastructure are presented as obstructions positioned amongst, in front of and above targets.[218] Instead of abiding by circumstantial status determinations in line with IHL for each attack undertaken, as is required, Israel has characterized the whole territory as a military objective.

65. Protected civilian objects can lose their immunity from attacks if and *for as long as* they are used by combatants in hostilities. However, Israel considers any object that *has allegedly been* or *might be* used militarily as a legitimate target, so that entire neighbourhoods can be razed or demolished under fictions of legality.[219] In Israel's logic, civilian objects, such as houses and apartments, become military objectives by proximity, as if the status of 'lawful' target spread through a vicinity by 'viral contagion'. For example, residential tower blocks, each comprising dozens of floors and hundreds of (functionally separate and autonomously usable) flats, purportedly become military objectives in their entirety if a single flat or room had allegedly been used by armed groups.[220]

66. Paradigmatic examples are referred to as "power targets",[221] encompassing any civilian object, including residential buildings, under the pretext that "Hamas is everywhere in Gaza".[222] Entire multi-storey buildings have been levelled while full of civilians, knowingly killing hundreds in single strikes.[223] The attack on the Al-Taj tower in Gaza City, bombed on 25 October, killed 101 people, including 44 children and 37 women, and injured hundreds.[224]

67. Israel has thus *de facto* abolished the distinction between civilian objects and military objectives. In the offensive's first three weeks, entire residential areas across northern Gaza were erased.[225] Meanwhile, neighbourhoods in 'safe areas' in the south were already being

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[214] Gordon & Perugini (footnote 197), pp.159–169; https://blogs.icrc.org/law-and-policy/2021/11/18/proximate-human-shields/

[215] Elyse Semerdjian, "A World Without Civilians", *Journal of Genocide Research*, 24 January 2024, p.3

[216] AP-I, article 52 (2); Customary IHL, rule 8.

[217] https://www.gov.il/BlobFolder/generalpage/swords-of-iron-faq-6-dec-2023/en/English_Documents_Israel-Hamas Conflict 2023 - FAQs (Israel MFA, 6.12.23).pdf: FAQs, pp. 2, 9.

[218] *Ibid*., p. 9

[219] https://www.gov.il/BlobFolder/generalpage/swords-of-iron-faq-6-dec-2023/en/English_Documents_Israel-Hamas Conflict 2023 - FAQs (Israel MFA, 6.12.23).pdf: FAQs p.14; https://www.maariv.co.il/breaking-news/Article-1044157 admitted neighbourhoods attacked "on a large scale and not in a surgical manner"; https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3-APSXZy9UI

[220] Declared previously, e.g. https://twitter.com/IDF/status/1393553534218604552?s=20; https://www.justsecurity.org/76657/the-idfs-unlawful-attack-on-al-jalaa-tower/

[221] https://www.israeldefense.co.il/node/37949

[222] https://www.972mag.com/mass-assassination-factory-israel-calculated-bombing-gaza/

[223] Ibid

[224] https://airwars.org/civilian-casualties/ispt0587-october-25-2023/

[225] https://www.theguardian.com/world/2023/oct/27/gaza-before-and-after-satellite-images-show-destruction-after-israeli-airstrikes

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bombarded.[226] By November, the devastation of cities in northern Gaza far exceeded that of Dresden in 1945.[227]

68. Rationalizing patterns of attacks on civilian objects, knowingly killing civilians *en masse*, has become a military strategy premised upon probable war crimes presented as IHL-abiding. This strategy reasonably and solely infers a genocidal policy.

C. Indiscriminate killing as "collateral damage"

69. Israel has also sought to provide legal cover for indiscriminate attacks by misusing the notion of 'collateral damage',[228] unlimitedly expanding what can be considered 'incidental civilian harm'. Examples of indiscriminate attacks include attacks that by any methods or means strike multiple lawful targets at once in areas with high concentrations of civilians or civilian objects. To justify killing members of the protected group, Israel has defended such actions as causing only *incidental* harm to civilians, proportionate to concrete and direct military advantages anticipated.[229]

70. Invoking the concept of 'proportionate collateral damage' to knowingly shell large numbers of members of the protected group, Israel asserts that when attacks result in more collateral damage than expected, this does not necessarily indicate a violation, since "compliance is conduct-oriented, not result-oriented".[230]

71. However, in all attacks launched against residential towers[231] without warnings, extensive civilian harm has been anticipated as the main outcome. The Al-Taj building was full of families at the time of the 31 October strike, which must have been anticipated as certainly killing or injuring all the civilians living there.[232] The fact that so many people were killed was entirely predictable – hence at least indirectly *intended* – as is evident from the images that the Israeli military itself published.[233] The attack on the Jabalia refugee camp on 25 October killed at least 126 civilians, including 69 children, and injured a further 280.[234] Israeli military personnel affirmed that the target was one Hamas commander in an underground base.[235]

72. For a proportionality assessment to be lawful, the principle of distinction must first be respected, otherwise the civilian harm anticipated from an attack ceases to be an incidental, unintended consequence of the attack itself.[236] While both indiscriminate and disproportionate attacks appear to have been committed systematically and repeatedly throughout the latest Israeli campaign,[237] the fact that both types of unlawful attacks have been consistently deemed by Israel as lawful suggests that it operates under a policy of *condoning* mass killing.

73. Under IHL, the concrete and direct military advantage expected from a single attack must be weighed against the foreseeable incidental harm to civilians and civilian objects. However, in its strained proportionality assessments, Israel's Ministry of Foreign Affairs states that "military advantage [...] may refer to the military advantage anticipated" not from

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226 https://www.nytimes.com/2023/12/21/world/middleeast/israel-gaza-bomb-investigation.html

227 https://www.ft.com/content/7b407c2e-8149-4d83-be01-72dcae8aee7b

228 Daniele, "A lethal misconception" (footnote 186).

229 https://www.gov.il/BlobFolder/generalpage/swords-of-iron-faq-6-dec-2023/en/English_Documents_Israel-Hamas Conflict 2023 - FAQs (Israel MFA, 6.12.23).pdf: FAQs, pp. 4, 11–13.

230 https://www.gov.il/BlobFolder/generalpage/swords-of-iron-faq-6-dec-2023/en/English_Documents_Hamas-Israel Conflict 2023 - Some Factual and Legal Aspects - Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2 NOV 2023).pdf: :Key Legal Aspects, 02 November 2023, pp. 10.

231 https://ig.ft.com/gaza-damage/:~:text=The%20bombardments%20have%20destroyed%20livelihoods,flattened%20or%20suffered%20heavy%20damage

232 https://airwars.org/civilian-casualties/ispt0783-october-31-2023/

233 https://twitter.com/IDF/status/1717840051491541077

234 https://airwars.org/civilian-casualties/ispt0783-october-31-2023/

235 https://edition.cnn.com/videos/world/2023/10/31/wolf-idf-spokesperson-gaza-refugee-camp-airstrike-reaction-vpx.cnn,

236 Daniele, "A lethal misconception" (footnote 186).

237 https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/news/2023/10/damning-evidence-of-war-crimes-as-israeli-attacks-wipe-out-entire-families-in-gaza/

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a specific military action but "from an operation as a whole",[238] alluding to the *overall purpose of the war*.[239]

74. Israel's proportionality assessments have flouted legal requirements by defining military advantage, in each attack, in relation to the destruction of the whole Hamas organization *both politically and militarily*.[240] It is manifestly illegal to declare as a war aim the destruction of the other side's political capacity (particularly in the context of a 56-year military occupation which deprives the occupied population of its right to self-determination). But when such an overall 'political' war purpose is taken as the value against which proportionality is to be measures in relation to anticipated harm to civilians, there is virtually no magnitude of expected civilian harm that could ever be considered "excessive" so long as the unlawful political objective, as defined by the attacker, is not met. In this context, the indiscriminate killing of protected persons and destruction of protected objects will always be represented, by the attacker, as "proportionate" incidental harm despite its manifest illegality.[241]

75. Presenting indiscriminate lethal violence against the protected group as a 'proportionate means' to pursue the war aims points to an intent to target the Palestinian population as a whole, consistent with the genocidal statements announcing the campaign. In other words, Israel appears to represent itself as conducting a 'proportionate genocide'.

D. Evacuations and safe zones

76. Under IHL, parties to the conflict must evacuate the civilian population and remove civilian objects from the vicinity of military objectives.[242] Evacuations are admissible, *as long as they do not displace the protected persons outside the occupied territory*; evacuated persons must be transferred back to their homes as soon as hostilities in the area in question have ceased.[243] The displaced, wounded and sick should be protected through the creation of "hospital and safety zones" – also called "safe areas" or "safe zones" – which shall "be far removed from military operations" and established through agreement between the parties.[244]

77. The mass evacuation order of 13 October – when 1.1 million Palestinians were ordered to evacuate northern Gaza in 24 hours to Israeli-designated "safe zones" in the south[245] – was communicated through at least 23 different airdropped leaflets, social media postings,[246] text messages[247] and recorded phone messages.[248] Instead of increasing safety for civilians, the sheer scale of evacuations amidst an intense bombing campaign, and the

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238 https://www.gov.il/BlobFolder/generalpage/swords-of-iron-faq-6-dec-2023/en/English_Documents_Hamas-Israel Conflict 2023 - Some Factual and Legal Aspects - Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2 NOV 2023).pdf: :Key Legal Aspects, 02 November 2023, p. 10.

239 https://www.justsecurity.org/90789/israels-rewriting-of-the-law-of-war/3

240 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jb1krYLPLZI; https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2yRl-cc-D3w; https://twitter.com/QudsNen/status/1723784790682358189. While such arguments have been tempered over time (see https://www.gov.il/BlobFolder/generalpage/swords-of-iron-faq-6-dec-2023/en/English_Documents_Israel-Hamas Conflict 2023 - FAQs (Israel MFA, 6.12.23).pdf: FAQs, p.11-12), action on the ground has remained ruthless; see, among others, the attacks on the Gaza police while assisting food delivery in northern Gaza, https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/2024/02/22/gaza-aid-deliveries-looting-police-hamas/

241 Luigi Daniele, "Incidentally Capsized", *Oxford Journal of Conflict and Security Law*, vol. 29, no. 1, forthcoming.

242 API, article 58(1).

243 GCIII, article 49.

244 *Ibid.*

245 https://mezan.org/en/post/46293; https://mezan.org/en/post/46287 - :~:text=Al%20Mezan%20Center%20for%20Human,Transfer%2C%20Urgent%20Intervention%20is%20Needed

246 https://x.com/AvichayAdraee/status/1712846493747495223?s=20; *https://www.timesofisrael.com/liveblog_entry/idf-urges-palestinians-to-leave-northern-gaza-strip-by-8-p-m/*

247 https://www.nytimes.com/2023/10/15/world/middleeast/israel-gaza.html

248 https://www.bbc.com/news/world-middle-east-67327079

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haphazardly communicated safe zones system, along with extended communications blackouts,[249] increased levels of panic, forced displacement and mass killing.[250]

78. Immediately after the 13 October evacuation orders and the transformation of southern Gaza into an ostensible "safe zone", Israel illegally categorized the inhabitants of northern Gaza who had remained (including the sick and wounded) as "human shields"[251] and "accomplices" of terrorism.[252] This policy points to the intention by Israel to 'transform' hundreds of thousands of civilians into 'legitimate' military targets or collateral casualties through impossible-to-follow evacuation orders.[253] The mass evacuation order included a staggering 22 hospitals in the area,[254] putting at risk more than 2,000 patients and displaced people sheltering in the hospitals, and depriving those remaining of life-sustaining services.[255]

79. The erasure of civilian protections in the evacuated area was combined with indiscriminate targeting of evacuees and inhabitants of the areas designated as safe zones. Since the beginning of its assault, Israel has perfidiously bombarded the designated 'safe' areas causing significant casualties.[256] Of the roughly 500 2,000-pound bombs dropped by Israel in the first six weeks of hostilities, 42 percent were deployed in the designated safe zones in southern areas.[257] Israel targeted southern Gaza also with other munitions from air, sea and land, causing large-scale destruction of civilian areas in the "safe zones".[258]

80. By 28 October, two weeks after Israel's mass evacuation order, about 38 percent of killings in Gaza occurred in the declared safe areas south of Wadi Gaza.[259] By 20 November, 34 percent of all Palestinians killed in Gaza were in this area,[260] and by 22 January, 42 percent were located in the area, which by then held the majority of the Gaza population.[261] Simply put, "safe areas" were deliberately turned into areas of mass killing.

81. Similar patterns emerge from Israel's militarization of the "humanitarian corridors" it instructed the population to use in order to evacuate and reach the safe areas. In contrast with the humanitarian rhetoric through which these "safe routes" were announced,[262] these corridors were systematically and perfidiously targeted by bombardment, shelling and sniper

[249] *https://content.forensic-architecture.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Humanitarian-Violence_Report_FA.pdf* 07/03/2024, sections 6.1.2 and 6.1.3

[250] https://www.aljazeera.com/opinions/2024/1/6/safe-zones-israels-technologies-of-genocide

[251] https://www.idf.il/en/mini-sites/hamas-israel-war-24/war-on-hamas-2023-resources/the-idf-continues-the-effort-to-move-the-residents-of-the-gaza/; https://www.mezan.org/uploads/files/2024/1/17096645765 november.jpeg

[252] https://www.theguardian.com/world/2024/feb/08/israeli-soldiers-idf-gaza-fighting-disaster-area?CMP=share_btn_tw; https://www.mezan.org/uploads/files/2024/1/1709664576signal-2023-10-22-030620_002.jpeg

[253] Hague Regulations (1907), article 26; AP-I, article 57(2)(c). The term used in these provisions is 'advance warning'; see *Bosnia v. Serbia* (footnote 40), para.373.

[254] https://www.emro.who.int/images/stories/palestine/WHO_oPt_Sitrep_6s.pdf

[255] https://www.who.int/news/item/14-10-2023-evacuation-orders-by-israel-to-hospitals-in-northern-gaza-are-a-death-sentence-for-the-sick-and-injured

[256] https://edition.cnn.com/gaza-israel-big-bombs/index.html

[257] *Ibid*; https://www.nytimes.com/2023/12/21/world/middleeast/israel-gaza-bomb-investigation.html

[258] https://www.ochaopt.org/content/hostilities-gaza-strip-and-israel-reported-impact-day-34; https://sheltercluster.s3.eu-central-1.amazonaws.com/public/docs/gsc_opt_gaza strip_damage affected areas_27october2023_a1.pdf?VersionId=bTM7V0miJzKDudKwJL8Dvy1Kdt2uy4kZ; https://www.alhaq.org/advocacy/22044.html

[259] https://www.ochaopt.org/content/hostilities-gaza-strip-and-israel-reported-impact-day-22

[260] https://www.ochaopt.org/content/hostilities-gaza-strip-and-israel-reported-impact-day-45

[261] https://english.elpais.com/international/2024-01-22/25000-deaths-in-gaza-why-the-destruction-of-this-war-exceeds-that-of-other-major-conflicts.html?outputType=amp

[262] https://www.ochaopt.org/content/hostilities-gaza-strip-and-israel-flash-update-8; https://www.theguardian.com/world/2023/oct/14/gaza-civilians-afraid-to-leave-home-after-bombing-of-safe-routes; https://www.nbcnews.com/news/world/live-blog/israel-hamas-war-live-updates-rcna120252

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fire,[263] becoming 'death corridors'. Israel set up checkpoints for facial scans and identity checks, where fleeing Palestinians were often detained and later mistreated and tortured.[264]

82. By the end of November, the Palestinian death toll reached 15,000.[265] Responding to mounting international criticism, the Israeli military reconfigured its evacuation mechanisms, introducing a new "humanitarian" tool: the "evacuation grid".[266] The army published on social media a grid map dividing Gaza into 600 blocks and indicating areas to be "evacuated" and "safe" areas.[267] The system – introduced when the army had cut off Gaza from all forms of communication[268] – threw residents into panic, increasing the level of chaos and, subsequently, the number of deaths.[269] From early December, Israel routinely ordered Palestinian civilians in the areas south of Wadi Gaza to move to new zones designated as safe according to the grid. Immediately afterwards, the army targeted these "safe zones".[270]

83. From the end of December to February, Israel intensified its offensive in the 'safe areas' of Al Muwasi and Rafah, which were sheltering the majority of the displaced population.[271] These assaults continued even after the ICJ ordered Israel to "take[s] all measures within its power" to prevent genocide.[272] Instead, by February Israel had killed a further 3,135 Palestinians, many of whom while seeking refuge.[273]

84. By the beginning of February, 1.4 million Palestinians had been displaced to Rafah, rendering that governorate the most overcrowded in Gaza with "an average density of over 22,200 per square kilometre, five times its pre-conflict levels".[274] Continuous bombardment of these "safe areas" targeted premises hosting displaced people[275] and medical facilities.[276]

85. Just as the evacuations and safe zones were being implemented, high-ranking Israeli officials advocated for settler colonial replacement. Israel's Prime Minister advocated for

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263 https://reliefweb.int/report/occupied-palestinian-territory/pauses-corridors-and-safe-zones-gaza-rhetoric-vs-reality; https://www.ft.com/content/95c5fcf1-c756-415f-85b8-1e4bbff24736

264 https://www.ochaopt.org/content/hostilities-gaza-strip-and-israel-flash-update-35; https://www.ochaopt.org/content/hostilities-gaza-strip-and-israel-flash-update-46; https://www.ochaopt.org/content/hostilities-gaza-strip-and-israel-flash-update-50; https://www.ochaopt.org/content/hostilities-gaza-strip-and-israel-flash-update-105; https://www.alhaq.org/advocacy/22452.html

265 https://www.ochaopt.org/content/hostilities-gaza-strip-and-israel-flash-update-53

266 https://www.theguardian.com/world/2023/dec/02/israeli-grid-system-makes-life-in-gaza-macabre-game-of-battleships-say-aid-workers

267 https://www.bbc.com/news/world-middle-east-67630489

268 https://www.savethechildren.net/news/complete-communication-blackout-four-days-and-counting-makes-aid-distribution-gazanear:~:text=Gaza%2C%2017%20December%202023%20%2D%20The,Rafah%2C%20says%20Save%20the%20Children.; https://edition.cnn.com/2024/01/18/middleeast/gaza-communications-blackout-one-week-israel-hamas-intl/index.html

269 https://www.reuters.com/world/middle-east/israel-says-ground-forces-operating-across-gaza-strip-offensive-builds-2023-12-04/

270 *Ibid*; https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JlGmwCMETMs

271 https://apnews.com/article/israel-hamas-war-news-12-26-2023-698c895797ccb057d13fe4f68690c98b?taid=658b24eaca93ff0001d4103d&utm_campaign=TrueAnthem&utm_medium=AP&utm_source=Twitter; https://www.savethechildren.org/us/about-us/media-and-news/2024-press-releases/gaza-mostly-children-killed-by-israeli-airstrikes-near-al-mawasi:~:text=4%2C%202024)%E2%80%94Fourteen%20people,aid%20agency%20Save%20the%20Children; https://www.amnesty.org.uk/press-releases/israelopt-fresh-evidence-probable-war-crimes-israeli-attacks-rafah; https://edition.cnn.com/2024/02/06/middleeast/palestinians-trapped-rafah-israeli-offensive-intl/index.html; https://www.reuters.com/world/middle-east/israel-strikes-rafah-refugee-camp-22-killed-local-health-officials-say-2024-02-12/

272 *South Africa v. Israel* (footnote 8), para.86.

273 https://www.ochaopt.org/content/hostilities-gaza-strip-and-israel-flash-update-129

274 https://www.nrc.no/news/2024/february/gaza-israels-military-operation-in-rafah-would-be-fatal-for-displaced-civilians-and-humanitarian-aid/

275 https://www.ochaopt.org/content/hostilities-gaza-strip-and-israel-flash-update-101?_gl=1*11oo43s*_ga*MTExMzc0OTEwNC4xNzA3ODMyMTQ0*_ga_E60ZNX2F68*MTcwOTQwMDA0OC42LjEuMTcwOTQwMTEyNi42MC4wLjA.

276 https://forensic-architecture.org/investigation/assessment-israeli-material-icj-jan-2024

ethnic transfer;[277] Israel's Finance Minister expressed support for expelling two million Palestinians from Gaza;[278] Israel's Minister of National Security declared the war to be an opportunity to "concentrate on encouraging the migration of the residents of Gaza", while other cabinet ministers advocated to "resettle"[279] Palestinians into the Sinai,[280] Western countries,[281] and elsewhere.[282] Israel's Minister of Communications revealed that the expulsion of the evacuated Palestinians outside Gaza was discussed "at government meetings".[283] On 12 January, a conference for the re-colonization of Gaza and the expulsion of Palestinians was attended by Israeli ministers.[284]

86. The pattern of killings of civilians who evacuated to the south, in combination with statements of some senior Israelis declaring an intent to forcibly displace Palestinians outside Gaza and replace them with Israeli settlers, lead to reasonably infer that evacuation orders and safe zones have been used as genocidal tools to achieve ethnic cleansing.

E. Medical Shielding

87. A final layer of Israel's "humanitarian camouflage" concerns its efforts to provide legal cover for systematic attacks against medical facilities and personnel, causing the progressive collapse of Gaza's healthcare sector.[285] Targeting medical facilities while accusing the enemy of shielding within them had already been employed by Israel as a strategy of "medical lawfare" in previous wars.[286] In the current assault, Israel has invoked this legal strategy to justify genocide through the complete destruction of life-sustaining infrastructure.[287]

88. Civilian healthcare is specially protected under international law: there is a high threshold for the protected status of civilian medical units to be lost.[288] International law protects hospitals while prohibiting their use for military purposes or as shields for military activities, such as positioning military targets in their proximity.[289] Since the beginning of the hostilities, Israel has framed Gaza's hospitals as Hamas "headquarters"[290] and spaces used

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[289] GCIV, articles 18-19; AP-I, article 12(4).

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for shielding military activities,[291] aiming to blur the distinction between civilian and military objects, transforming hospitals into "hospital shields",[292] and legitimizing the destruction of Gaza's entire healthcare sector.[293]

89. In November 2023, Al Shifa Hospital in northern Gaza was hosting tens of thousands of displaced people – when it was besieged and invaded.[294] On 27 October, the Israeli military published a 3D video representing the hospital's underground as a complex network of tunnels functioning as a "Hamas command centre".[295] On 2 November, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs published a legal document designating the hospital as a military centre concealing military assets.[296] The hospital was then placed under siege and invaded in mid-November, with Israel accusing Hamas of using medical personnel as "human shields".[297] After days of attacks, the hospital was turned into a "death zone";[298] five newborn babies and 14 patients were injured;[299] at least 31 people were killed,[300] and parts of the hospital turned into mass graves.[301]

90. Media reports challenged Israel's allegations that Hamas were using hospitals as shields, asserting that there was no evidence to suggest that the rooms connected to the hospital had been used by Hamas; the hospital buildings (contrary to Israeli military 3D images) were found not to be connected to the tunnel network; and there was no evidence that the tunnels were accessible from the hospital wards.[302] In addition, Israeli army reportedly rearranged weaponry at the Al Shifa before news crews visits[303], raising further suspicions of fabrication after the Israeli army had claimed that a "list of terrorists" it had found in another Gaza hospital–the Al Rantisi–turned out to be a calendar of the days of the week in Arabic.[304] Whether or not Israel's accusations of hospital shielding at Al Shifa were true – but still remain to be proven –, the civilians in the hospitals should have been protected and not subjected to siege and military attack.

91. That the intent behind Israel's "humanitarian camouflage" in this instance can only be characterized as genocidal is clear for two reasons. First, Israel was aware of the large-scale destruction of the healthcare system since the World Health Organization had reported in mid-November that a "public health catastrophe" was developing in Gaza, with 26 of 35 hospitals no longer operational due to Israel's bombing and siege.[305] Second, Israel knew that its military operation was resulting in a significant number of wounded.[306] Physical trauma constitutes the most predominant cause of excess mortality in Gaza.[307] It was predictable that forcibly suspending services at the largest hospital in Gaza would seriously harm the

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prospects for survival of the injured, the chronically ill and newborn babies in incubators. Therefore, by targeting Al Shifa Hospital, Israel knowingly condemned thousands of sick and displaced people to preventable suffering and death.[308]

92. The reliance on the strategy of treating hospitals as medical shields, disregarding their function as indispensable hubs of societal survival for the thousands injured and many more seeking shelter, exposes yet another aspect of the genocidal logic underpinning Israel's military strategy.

VII. Conclusions

93. **The overwhelming nature and scale of Israel's assault on Gaza and the destructive conditions of life it has inflicted reveal an intent to physically destroy Palestinians as a group. This report finds that there are reasonable grounds to believe that the threshold indicating the commission of the following acts of genocide against Palestinians in Gaza has been met: killing members of the group; causing serious bodily or mental harm to groups' members; and deliberately inflicting on the group conditions of life calculated to bring about its physical destruction in whole or in part. Genocidal acts were approved and given effect following statements of genocidal intent issued by senior military and government officials.**

94. **Israel has sought to conceal its eliminationist conduct of hostilities sanctioning the commission of international crimes as IHL-abiding. Distorting IHL customary rules, including distinction, proportionality and precautions, Israel has *de facto* treated an entire protected group and its life-sustaining infrastructure as 'terrorist' or 'terrorist-supporting', thus transforming everything and everyone into either a target or collateral damage, hence killable or destroyable. In this way, no Palestinian in Gaza is safe by definition. This has had devastating, intentional effects, costing the lives of tens of thousands of Palestinians, destroying the fabric of life in Gaza and causing irreparable harm to its entire population.**

95. **Israel's genocide on the Palestinians in Gaza is an escalatory stage of a long-standing settler colonial process of erasure. For over seven decades this process has suffocated the Palestinian people as a group – demographically, culturally, economically and politically –, seeking to displace it and expropriate and control its land and resources. The ongoing Nakba must be stopped and remedied once and for all. This is an imperative owed to the victims of this highly preventable tragedy, and to future generations in that land.**

VIII. Recommendations

96. **The Special Rapporteur urges member states to enforce the prohibition of genocide in accordance with their non-derogable obligations.[309] Israel and those states that have been complicit in what can be reasonably concluded to constitute genocide must be held accountable and deliver reparations commensurate with the destruction, death and harm inflicted on the Palestinian people.**

97. **The Special Rapporteur recommends that member states:**

(a) **Immediately implement an arms embargo on Israel, as it appears to have failed to comply with the binding measures ordered by the ICJ on 26 January 2024, as well as other economic and political measures necessary to ensure an immediate and lasting ceasefire and to restore respect for international law, including sanctions;**

(b) **Support South Africa having resort to the UNSC under article 94(2) of the UN Charter following Israel's non-compliance with the above-mentioned ICJ measures;**

[308] Perugini and Gordon, "Medical Lawfare" (footnote 286)
[309] http://www.undocs.org/a/RES/56/83 (2002), article 31

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(c) **Act to ensure a thorough, independent and transparent investigation of all violations of international law committed by all actors, including those amounting to war crimes, crimes against humanity and the crime of genocide, including:**

(i) **cooperating with international independent fact-finding/ investigative and accountability mechanisms;**

(ii) **referring the situation in Palestine to the ICC immediately, in support of its ongoing investigation;**

(iii) **discharging their obligations under the principles of universal jurisdiction, ensuring genuine investigations and prosecutions of individuals who are suspected of having committed, or aided or abetted, in the commission of international crimes, including genocide, starting with their own nationals;**

(d) **Ensure that Israel, as well as States who have been complicit in the Gaza genocide, acknowledge the colossal harm done, commit to non-repetition, with measures for prevention, full reparations, including the full cost of the reconstruction of Gaza, for which the establishment of a register of damage with an accompanying verification and mass claims process is recommended;**

(e) **Within the General Assembly, develop a plan to end the unlawful and unsustainable status quo constituting the root cause of the latest escalation, which ultimately culminated in the Gaza genocide, including through the reconstitution of the UN Special Committee against Apartheid to comprehensively address the situation in Palestine, and stand ready to implement diplomatic, economic and political measures provided under the United Nations Charter in case of non-compliance by Israel;**

(f) **In the short term and as a temporary measure, in consultation with the State of Palestine, deploy an international protective presence to constrain the violence routinely used against Palestinians in the occupied Palestinian territory;**

(g) **Ensure that UNRWA is properly funded to enable it to meet the increased needs of Palestinians in Gaza.**

98. **The Special Rapporteur calls on the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights to enhance its efforts to end the current atrocities in Gaza, including by promoting and accurately applying International Law, notably the Genocide Convention, in the context of the oPt as a whole.**

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28 March 2024 ICJ Indicates ADDITIONAL Provisional Measures:

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APPLICATION DE LA CONVENTION POUR LA PRÉVENTION ET LA RÉPRESSION DU CRIME DE GÉNOCIDE DANS LA BANDE DE GAZA

(AFRIQUE DU SUD c. ISRAËL)

APPLICATION OF THE CONVENTION ON THE PREVENTION AND PUNISHMENT OF THE CRIME OF GENOCIDE IN THE GAZA STRIP

(SOUTH AFRICA *v.* ISRAEL)

28 MARCH 2024

ORDER

THE COURT,

(1) By fourteen votes to two,

Reaffirms the provisional measures indicated in its Order of 26 January 2024;

IN FAVOUR: *President* Salam; *Judges* Tomka, Abraham, Yusuf, Xue, Bhandari, Iwasawa, Nolte, Charlesworth, Brant, Gómez Robledo, Cleveland, Aurescu, Tladi;

AGAINST: *Vice-President* Sebutinde; *Judge* ad hoc Barak;

(2) *Indicates* the following provisional measures:

The State of Israel shall, in conformity with its obligations under the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, and in view of the worsening conditions of life faced by Palestinians in Gaza, in particular the spread of famine and starvation:

(a) Unanimously,

Take all necessary and effective measures to ensure, without delay, in full co-operation with the United Nations, the unhindered provision at scale by all concerned of urgently needed basic services and humanitarian assistance, including food, water, electricity, fuel, shelter, clothing, hygiene and sanitation requirements, as well as medical supplies and medical care to Palestinians throughout Gaza, including by increasing the capacity and number of land crossing points and maintaining them open for as long as necessary;

(b) By fifteen votes to one,

Ensure with immediate effect that its military does not commit acts which constitute a violation of any of the rights of the Palestinians in Gaza as a protected group under the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, including by preventing, through any action, the delivery of urgently needed humanitarian assistance;

IN FAVOUR: *President* Salam; *Vice-President* Sebutinde; *Judges* Tomka, Abraham, Yusuf, Xue, Bhandari, Iwasawa, Nolte, Charlesworth, Brant, Gómez Robledo, Cleveland, Aurescu, Tladi;

AGAINST: *Judge* ad hoc Barak;

(3) By fifteen votes to one,

Decides that the State of Israel shall submit a report to the Court on all measures taken to give effect to this Order, within one month as from the date of this Order.

IN FAVOUR: *President* Salam; *Vice-President* Sebutinde; *Judges* Tomka, Abraham, Yusuf, Xue, Bhandari, Iwasawa, Nolte, Charlesworth, Brant, Gómez Robledo, Cleveland, Aurescu, Tladi;

AGAINST: *Judge* ad hoc Barak.

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DECLARATION OF PRESIDENT SALAM

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1. I voted in favour of each of the operative parts of the Court's Order in the present case and I agree with the entirety of the reasoning followed by the Court to reach its conclusions.

2. The context in which the Court has been requested again by South Africa to indicate provisional measures is particularly tragic. As highlighted in the Order, "the catastrophic humanitarian situation in the Gaza Strip that existed when it issued its Order of 26 January 2024 has deteriorated even further" (see paragraph 30 of the Order). Indeed, while on 21 February 2024, the Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO) was already noting that "Gaza has become a death zone" ("WHO Director-General's opening remarks at the media briefing", 21 February 2024), the situation has worsened further, as the Secretary-General of the United Nations noted a few days ago at the gates of Rafah: "[i]t is monstrous that after so much suffering over so many months, Palestinians in Gaza are marking Ramadan with Israeli bombs still falling, bullets still flying, artillery still pounding, and humanitarian assistance still facing obstacle upon obstacle" (Secretary-General's press encounter at Rafah border crossing, 23 March 2024).

3. Moreover, whereas in January 2024, when it rendered its first Order on provisional measures, the Court referred to an immediate risk of famine, the risk has now materialized and many children have already died of starvation (see paragraph 21 of the Order).

4. As underlined by one of the front-line players on the ground, the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), "Hunger has reached catastrophic levels, with over 90 per cent of the population facing acute food insecurity. In northern Gaza, parents are feeding their children animal fodder and native plants" (UNRWA, "UNRWA launches Ramadan campaign against backdrop of Gaza emergency", news release, 12 March 2024).

5. This already catastrophic situation is likely to deteriorate even further, as the representatives of the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the World Food Programme (WFP) emphasized in a briefing before the Security Council (see paragraph 31 of the Order). And in the words of the High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, "this is a humanitarian crisis which is not a natural disaster. It is not a flood. It is not an earthquake. It is man-made. And when we look for alternative ways of providing support — by sea or by air — we have to remind that we have to do it because the natural way of providing support through roads is being closed, artificially closed. And starvation is being used as a weapon of war." (United Nations, Speech by High Representative Josep Borrell at the annual United Nations Security Council session on EU-UN Cooperation, 12 March 2024.)

6. The scale of this deterioration in the area of health, for example, is well illustrated by the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and the John Hopkins Center for Humanitarian Health, which have predicted that "[o]ver the next six months, . . . in the absence of epidemics, 6,550 excess deaths would occur under the ceasefire scenario, climbing to 58,260 under the status quo scenario and 74,290 under the escalation scenario". In the event of one or more epidemics,

Annelle Sheline Resigns From U.S. State Department

Opinion: Why I'm resigning from the State Department

Opinion by Annelle Sheline
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(CNN) — Since Hamas' attack on October 7, Israel has used American bombs in its war in Gaza, which has killed more than 32,000 people — 13,000 of them children — with countless others buried under the rubble, according to the Gaza Ministry of Health. Israel is credibly accused of starving the 2 million people who remain, according to the UN special rapporteur on the right to food; a group of charity leaders warns that without adequate aid, hundreds of thousands more will soon likely join the dead.

Annelle Sheline Courtesy Annelle Sheline

Yet Israel is still planning to invade Rafah, where the majority of people in Gaza have fled; UN officials have described the carnage that is expected to ensue as "beyond imagination." In the West Bank, armed settlers and Israeli soldiers have killed Palestinians, including US citizens. These actions, which experts on genocide have testified meet the crime of genocide, are conducted with the diplomatic and military support of the US government.

For the past year, I worked for the office devoted to promoting human rights in the Middle East. I believe strongly in the mission and in the important work of that office. However, as a representative of a government that is directly enabling what the International Court of Justice has said could plausibly be a genocide in Gaza, such work has become almost impossible. Unable to serve an administration that enables such atrocities, I have decided to resign from my position at the Department of State.

Whatever credibility the United States had as an advocate for human rights has almost entirely vanished since the war began. Members of civil society have refused to respond to my efforts to contact them. Our office seeks to support journalists in the Middle East; yet when asked by NGOs if the US can help when Palestinian journalists are detained or killed in Gaza, I was disappointed that my government didn't do more to protect them. Ninety Palestinian journalists in Gaza have been killed in the last five months, according to the Committee to Protect Journalists. That is the most recorded in any single conflict since the CPJ started collecting data in 1992.

By resigning publicly, I am saddened by the knowledge that I likely foreclose a future at the State Department. I had not initially planned a public resignation. Because my time at State had been so short — I was hired on a two-year contract — I did not think I mattered enough to announce my resignation publicly. However, when I started to tell colleagues of my decision to resign, the response I heard repeatedly was, "Please speak for us."

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Across the federal government, employees like me have tried for months to influence policy, both internally and, when that failed, publicly. My colleagues and I watched in horror as this administration delivered thousands of precision-guided munitions, bombs, small arms and other lethal aid to Israel and authorized thousands more, even bypassing Congress to do so. We are appalled by the administration's flagrant disregard for American laws that prohibit the US from providing assistance to foreign militaries that engage in gross human rights violations or that restrict the delivery of humanitarian aid.

The Biden administration's own policy states, "The legitimacy of and public support for arms transfers among the populations of both the United States and recipient nations depends on the protection of civilians from harm, and the United States distinguishes itself from other potential sources of arms transfers by elevating the importance of protecting civilians." Yet this noble statement of policy has been directly in contradiction with the actions of the president who promulgated it.

President Joe Biden himself indirectly admits that Israel is not protecting Palestinian civilians from harm. Under pressure from some congressional Democrats, the administration issued a new policy to ensure that foreign military transfers don't violate relevant domestic and international laws.

Yet just recently, the State Department ascertained that Israel is in compliance with international law in the conduct of the war and in providing humanitarian assistance. To say this when Israel is preventing the adequate entrance of humanitarian aid and the US is being forced to air drop food to starving Gazans, this finding makes a mockery of the administration's claims to care about the law or about the fate of innocent Palestinians.

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Some have argued that the US lacks influence over Israel. Yet Retired Israeli Maj. Gen. Yitzhak Brick noted in November that Israel's missiles, bombs and airplanes all come from the US. "The minute they turn off the tap, you can't keep fighting," he said. "Everyone understands that we can't fight this war without the United States. Period."

Even now, Israel is considering invading Lebanon, which brings a heightened risk of regional conflict that would be catastrophic. The US has sought to prevent this outcome but shows no appetite for withholding offensive weapons from Israel in order to compel greater restraint there or in Gaza. Biden's support for Israel's far-right government thus risks sparking a wider conflagration in the region, which could well put US troops in harm's way.

So many of my colleagues feel betrayed. I write for myself but speak for many others, including Feds United for Peace, a group mobilizing for a permanent ceasefire in Gaza that represents federal workers in their personal capacities across the country, and across 30 federal agencies and departments. After four years of then-President Donald Trump's efforts to cripple the department, State employees embraced Biden's pledge to rebuild American diplomacy. For some, US support for Ukraine against Russia's illegal occupation and bombardment seemed to reestablish America's moral leadership. Yet the administration continues to enable Israel's illegal occupation and destruction of Gaza.

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I am haunted by the final social media post of Aaron Bushnell, the 25-year-old US Air Force serviceman who self-immolated in front of the Israeli Embassy in Washington on February 25: "Many of us like to ask ourselves, 'What would I do if I was alive during slavery? Or the Jim Crow South? Or apartheid? What would I do if my country was committing genocide?' The answer is, you're doing it. Right now."

I can no longer continue what I was doing. I hope that my resignation can contribute to the many efforts to push the administration to withdraw support for Israel's war, for the sake of the 2 million Palestinians whose lives are at risk and for the sake of America's moral standing in the world.

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Biden Administration Continues Supplying Weapons After U.N. Ceasefire Resolution:

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US approves transfer of over 2,000 bombs, 25 F-35s to Israel — report

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US-supplied military equipment arriving in Israel, December 2023. (Ministry of Defense Spokesperson's Office)

The United States in recent days authorized the transfer of billions of dollars worth of bombs and fighter jets to Israel even as it publicly expresses concerns about an anticipated military offensive in Rafah, The Washington Post reported Friday.

Citing Pentagon and State Department officials, the daily said the new arms package includes 1,800 MK-84 2,000-pound bombs and 500 MK-82 500-pound bombs, along with 25 F-35s that were initially approved as part of a larger package by Congress in 2008. Israel requested the third squadron of 25 F-35s last July, which when delivered will bring the total size of the fleet to 75.

Washington gives $3.8 billion in annual military assistance to Israel, its longtime ally. The US has been rushing air defenses and munitions to Israel as it fights against Hamas in Gaza, but some Democrats and Arab American groups have criticized the Biden administration's steadfast support of Israel, and called for leveraging military aid.

"We have continued to support Israel's right to defend itself," a White House official told The Washington Post. "Conditioning aid has not been our policy."

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U.S. signs off on more bombs, warplanes for Israel

Despite a widening rift with the Israeli government, the Biden administration continues to authorize the transfer of 2,000-pound bombs and other weapons

By John Hudson

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The Biden administration in recent days quietly authorized the transfer of billions of dollars in bombs and fighter jets to Israel despite Washington's concerns about an anticipated military offensive in southern Gaza that could threaten the lives of hundreds of thousands of Palestinian civilians.

The new arms packages include more than 1,800 MK84 2,000-pound bombs and 500 MK82 500-pound bombs, according to Pentagon and State Department officials familiar with the matter. The 2,000-pound bombs have been linked to previous mass-casualty events throughout Israel's military campaign in Gaza. These officials, like some others, spoke to The Washington Post on the condition of anonymity because recent authorizations have not been disclosed publicly.

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This Is Enough M84 Bombs to Carpet Bomb 100% of Gaza:

Lethal fragmentation radius of 2000lb aircraft bomb: 355m

Figure 2. Effects radii for a 2,000lb aircraft bomb

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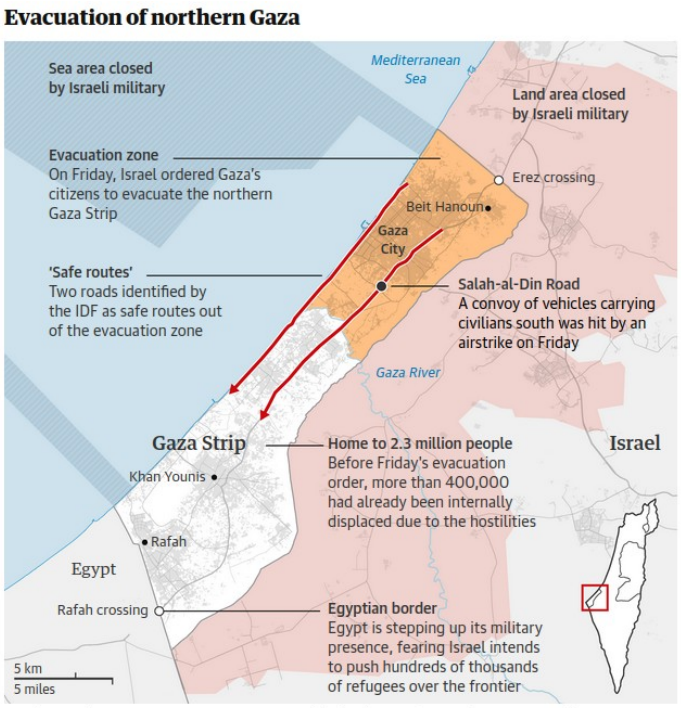
Land area of Gaza: 365 km^2 (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gaza_Strip)

No. of Mk84 Bombs to Cover Gaza: 365km/(3.14 * .355[km]^2) = 1035

Number of Mk84 bombs U.S. Shipped: 1800

Remember: as of this time, Israel drove most civillians to Khan Younis & Rafah:



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Ceasefire Violation: Israel Kills World Central Kitchen Workers in DECONFLICTED ZONE

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7 WCK team members killed in Gaza

April 02, 2024

World Central Kitchen is devastated to confirm seven members of our team have been killed in an IDF strike in Gaza.

The WCK team was traveling in a deconflicted zone in two armored cars branded with the WCK logo and a soft skin vehicle.

Despite coordinating movements with the IDF, the convoy was hit as it was leaving the Deir al-Balah warehouse, where the team had unloaded more than 100 tons of humanitarian food aid brought to Gaza on the maritime route.

"This is not only an attack against WCK, this is an attack on humanitarian organizations showing up in the most dire of situations where food is being used as a weapon of war. This is unforgivable," said World Central Kitchen CEO Erin Gore.

The seven killed are from Australia, Poland, United Kingdom, a dual citizen of the U.S. and Canada, and Palestine.

https://wck.org/news/gaza-team-update

Quds News Network

The last footage captured by two of aid workers affiliated with The World Central Kitchen, diligently preparing meals for displaced Palestinians in Gaza.

Tragically, these two volunteers were among those killed in an Israeli airstrike that targeted their convoy in Deir al-Balah just hours ago. The airstrike also claimed the lives of two more foreign aid workers and their Palestinian personal driver.

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[1/5] A Palestinian man rides a bicycle past a damaged vehicle where employees from the World Central Kitchen (WCK) were killed in an Israeli airstrike, in Deir Al-Balah, in the central Gaza Strip April 2, 2024. REUTERS/Ahmed Zakot/File Photo *Purchase Licensing Rights*

World Central Kitchen Aid Workers Killed in Israeli Strike

By Reuters and Associated Press • April 1, 2024

Seven workers for the aid group were killed overnight when their convoy was struck in Gaza.

https://www.nytimes.com/video/world/middleeast/100000009391941/world-central-kitchen-founder-says-workers-killed.html?playlistId=video/latest-video

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Eye on Palestine

The vehicle of world central kitchen which was bombed by the occupation forces in Deir Al Balah, central Gaza. 7 members were killed in the attack.

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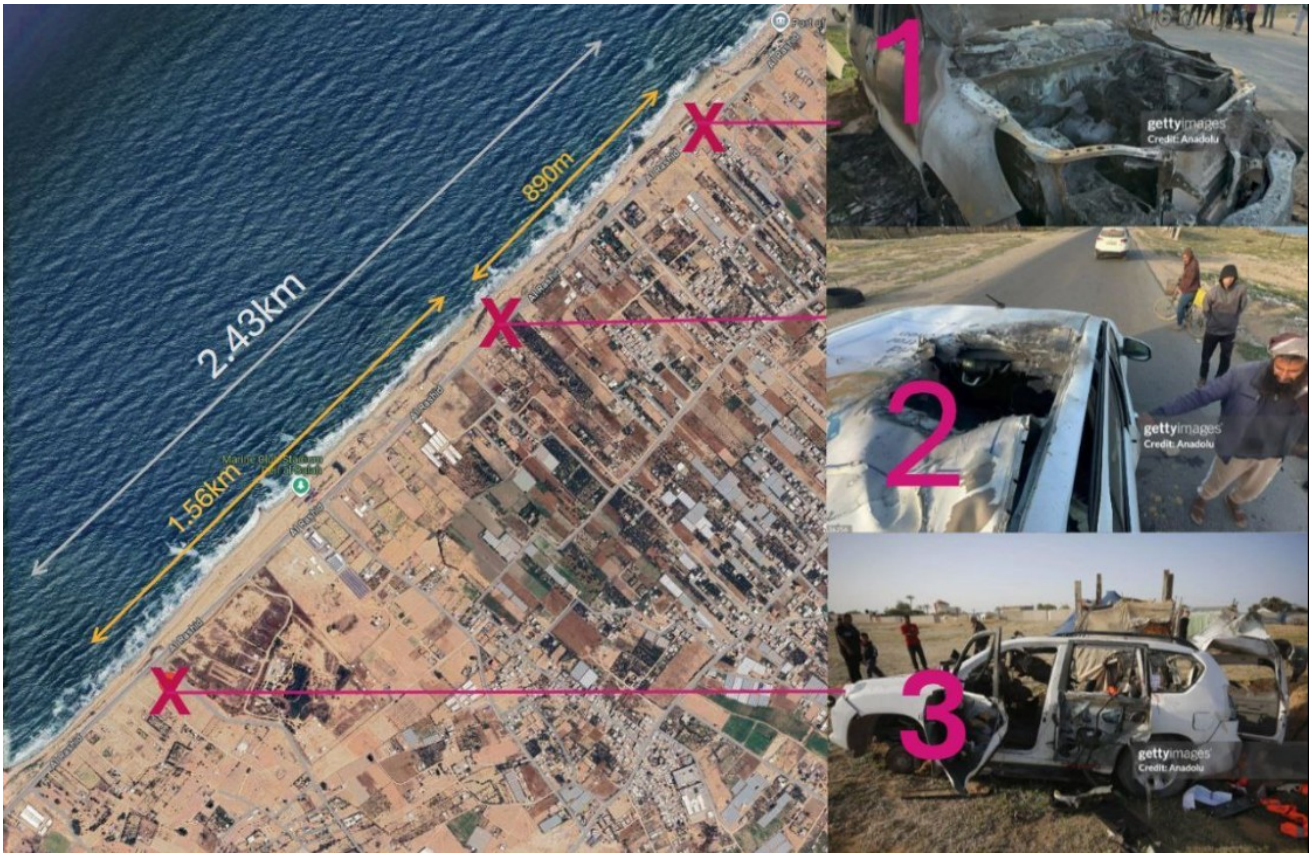

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Breaking | An Israeli airstrike targeted a vehicle belonging to The World Central Kitchen organization in Deir al-Balah, killing three foreigners.

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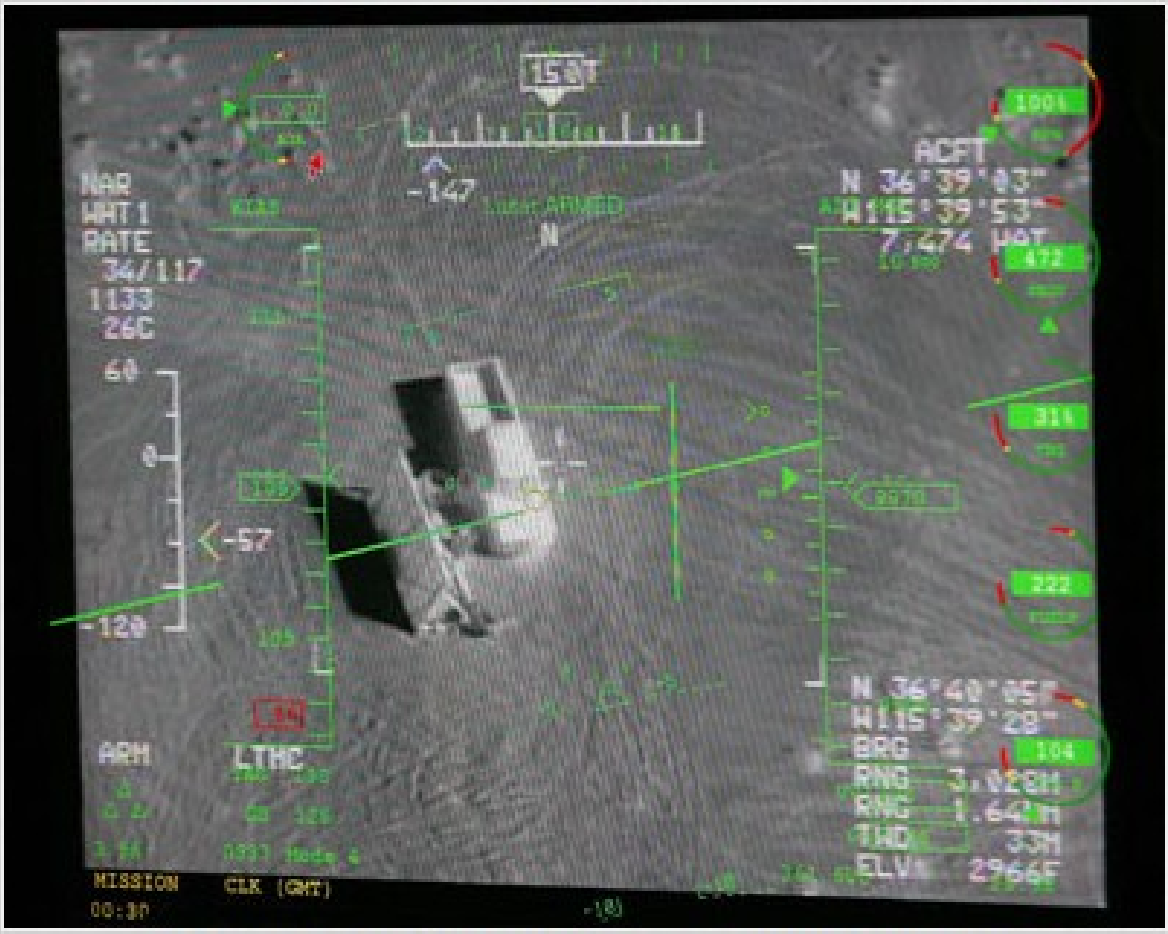

Fig. 2 - Pilot's view from camera on Reaper

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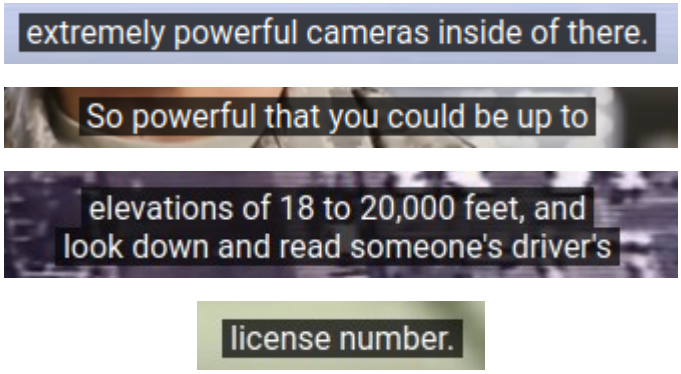

"The highlights of this amazing vehicle are its MTS ball, which is located in the forward of the aircraft, which is the eye in the sky — extremely powerful cameras inside of there. So powerful that you could be up to elevations of 18 to 20,000 feet, and look down and read someone's driver's license number. The other capability that this has is its payload. It's able to carry Hellfires and GBUs, which are 500-pound bombs."
- U.S. Air Force, About MQ9 Reaper Drone Platform

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EXCLUSIVE: Israel's 'Black Snake' armed drone squadron comes out of the shadows

Recently, Breaking Defense visited Squadron 161 at Palmachim Air Base in central Israel, the first time a media outlet was given access to the unit.

By ARIE EGOZI on March 10, 2023 at 10:55 AM

The Elbit Systems made Hermes-450 is used by the Israeli Defense Forces. Pictured are members of the IDF's Squadron 161. (IDF)

TEL AVIV — For 20 years, a gag order was issued by Israeli censors prohibiting local media from discussing the open secret that Israel has armed drones. That finally changed July 20 of last year, thanks in part to pressure from local industry who felt the inability to market their wares was costing them market share.

As a result, more information is coming to light about the Israeli Defense Force (IDF) units that are using armed drones. One such group is Squadron 161, known as "The Black Snake." The unit operates the Elbit Systems Hermes-450 "Zik" drone, primarily in counter-terror missions over the West Bank, Gaza and Lebanon.

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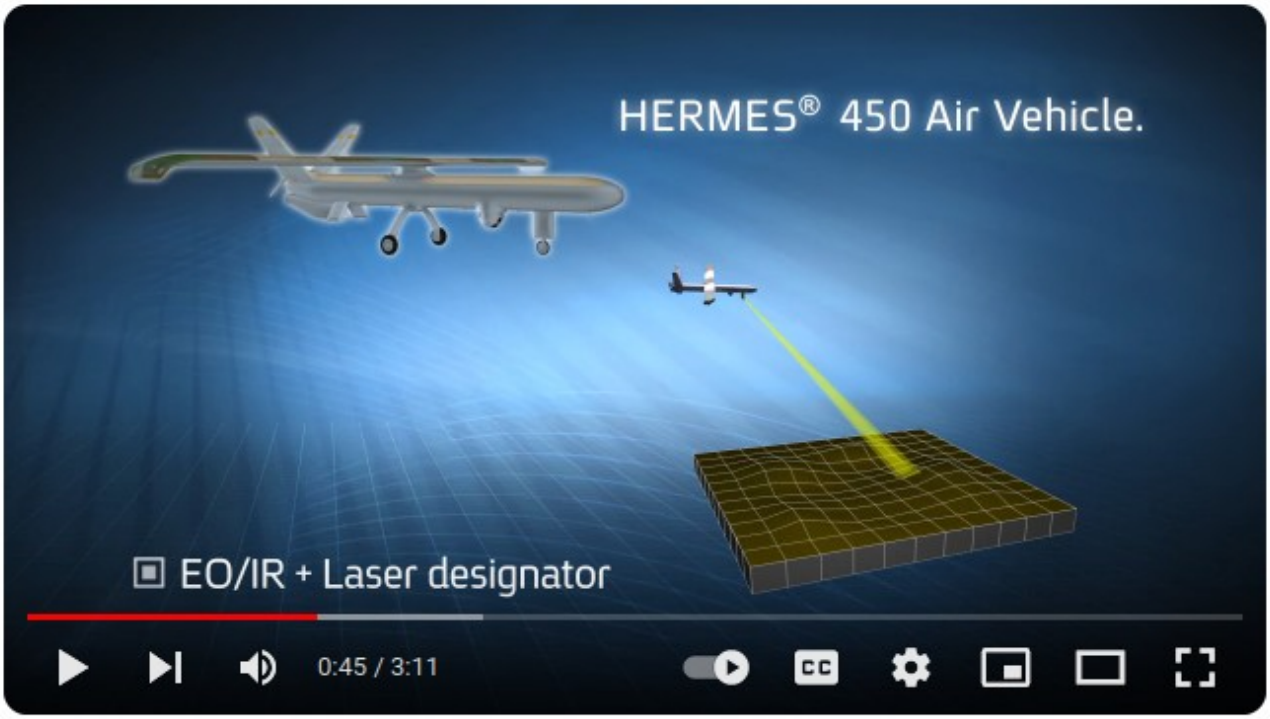

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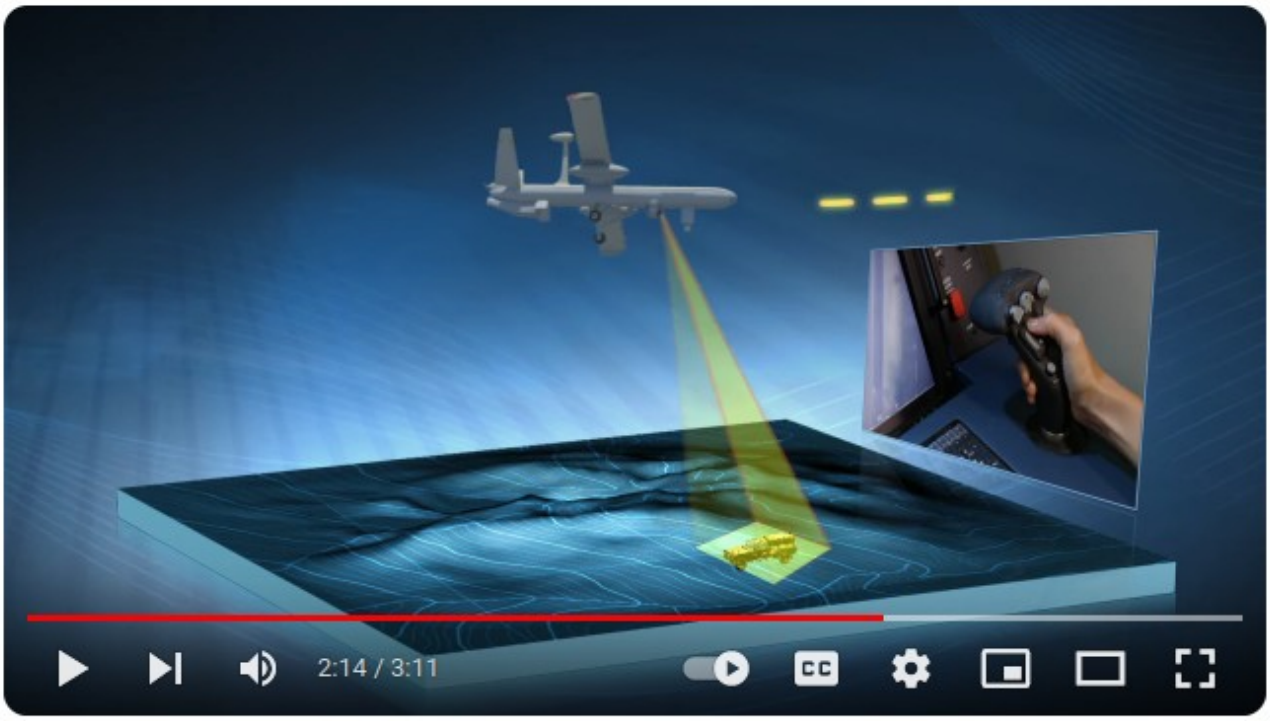

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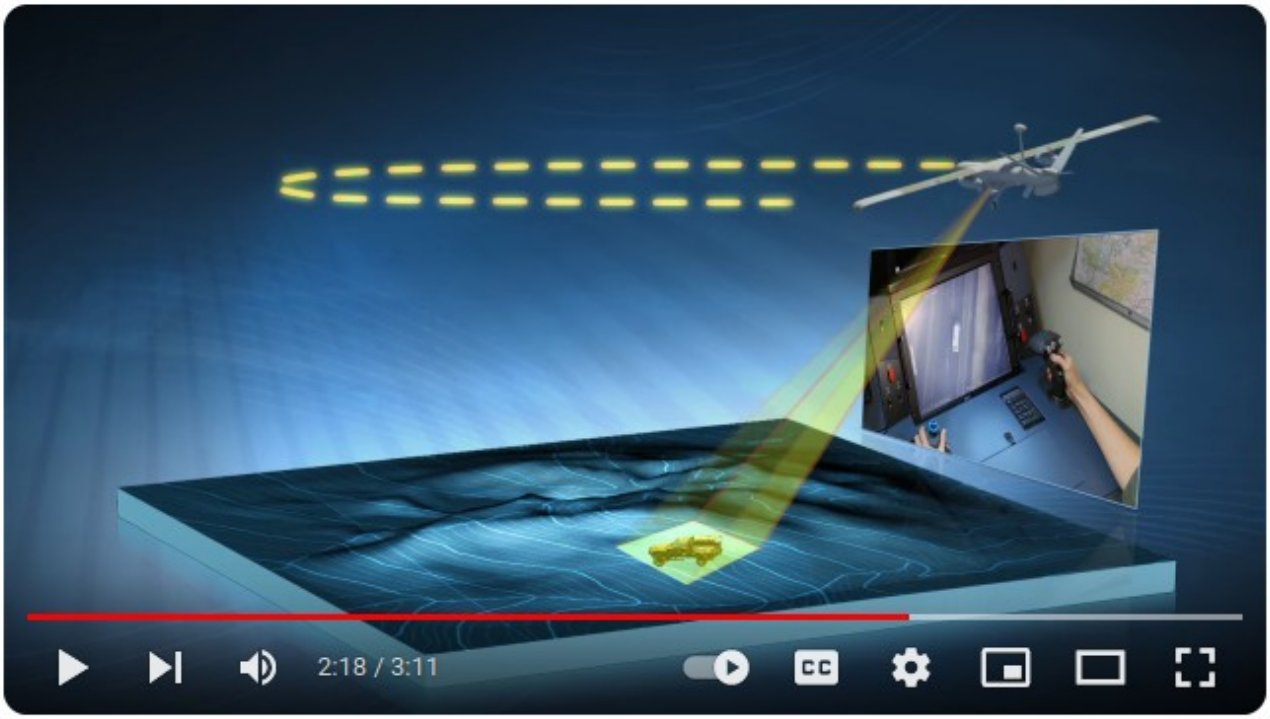

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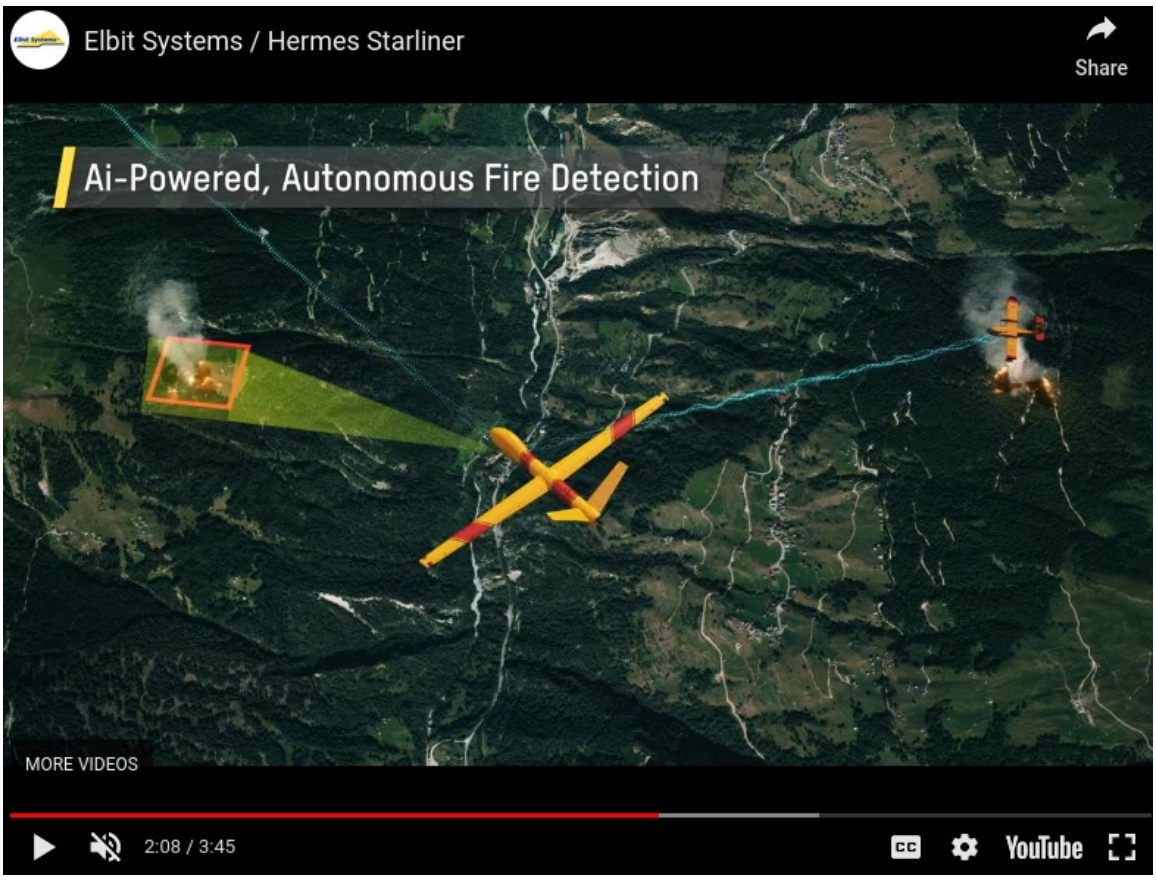

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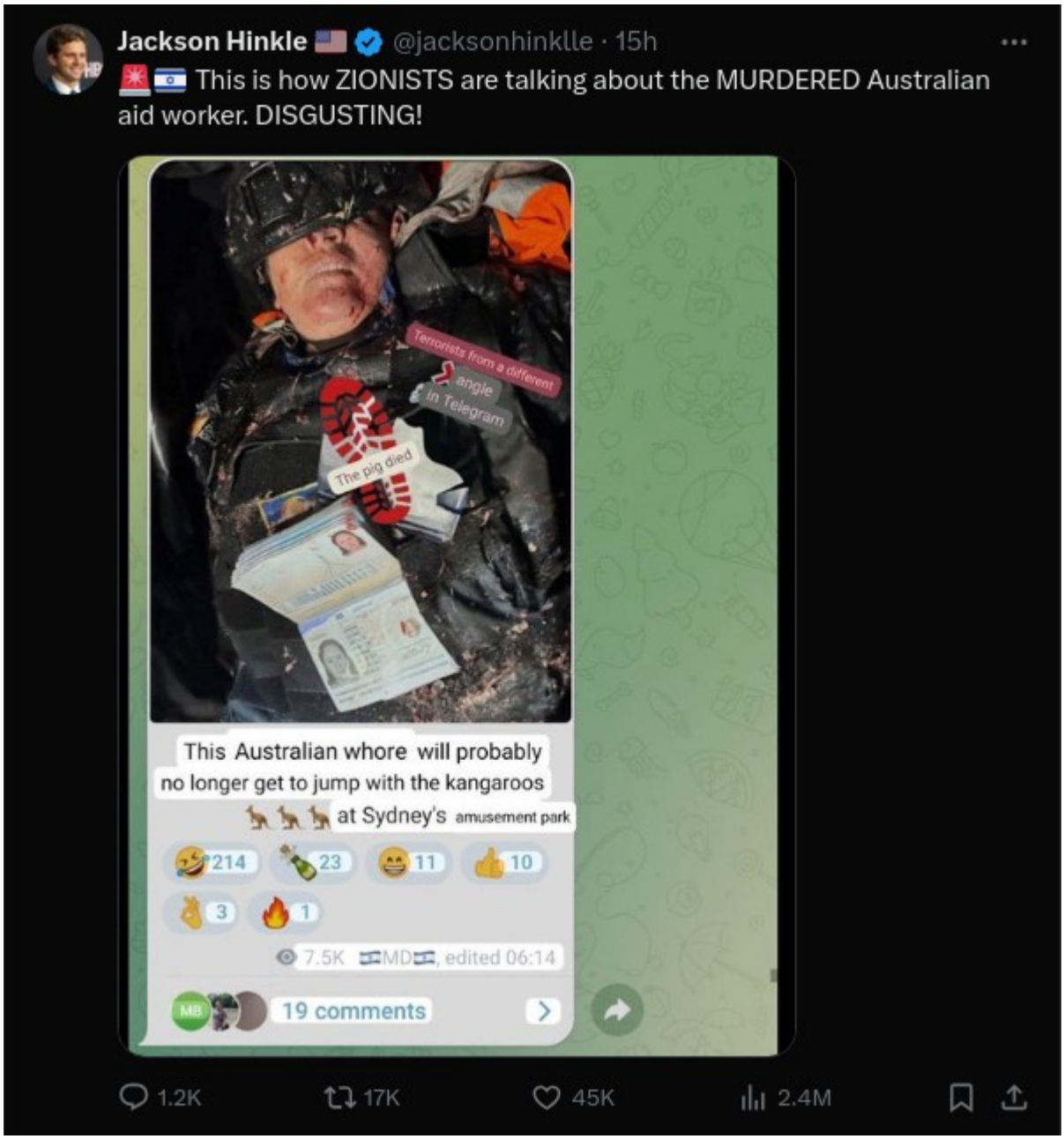

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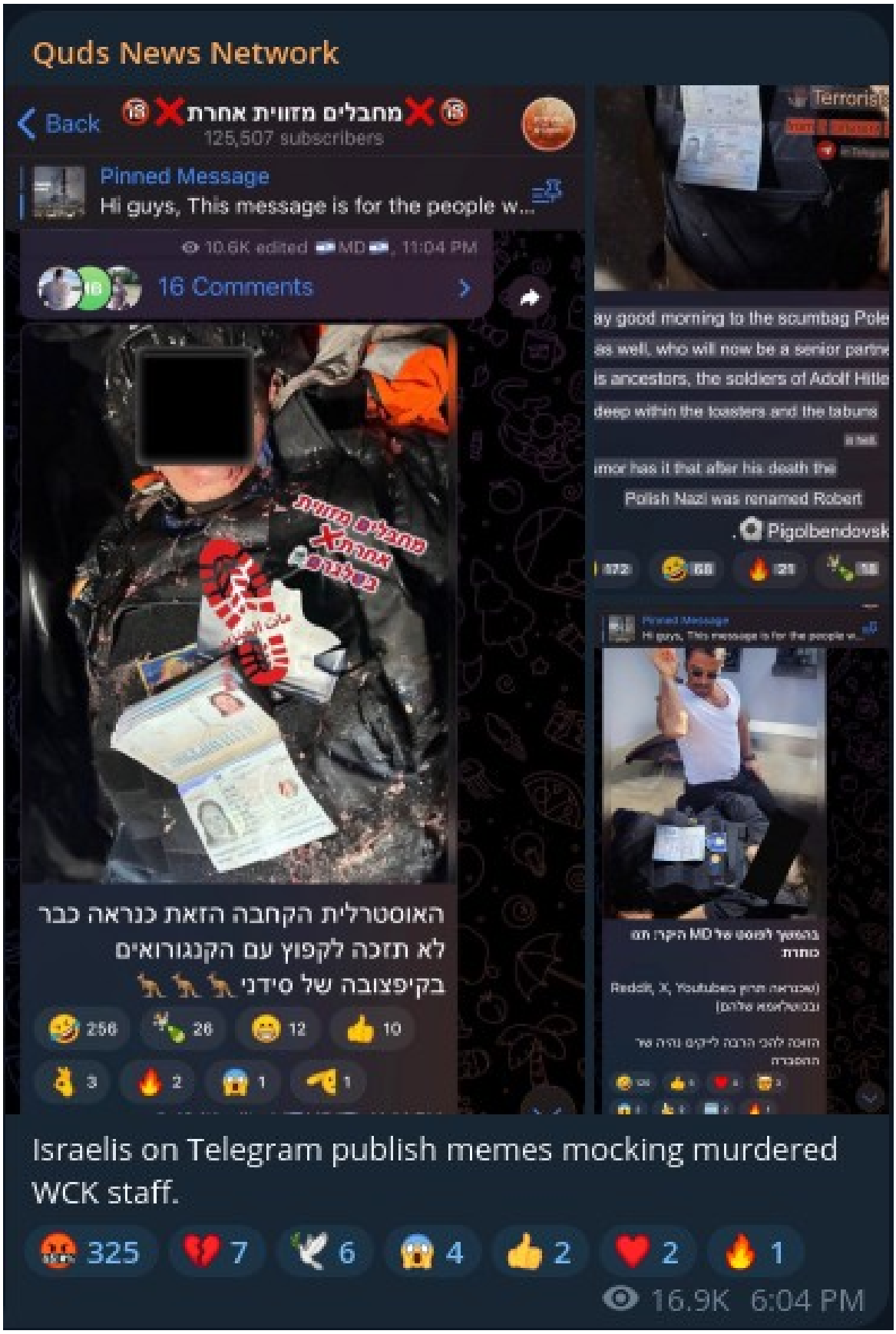

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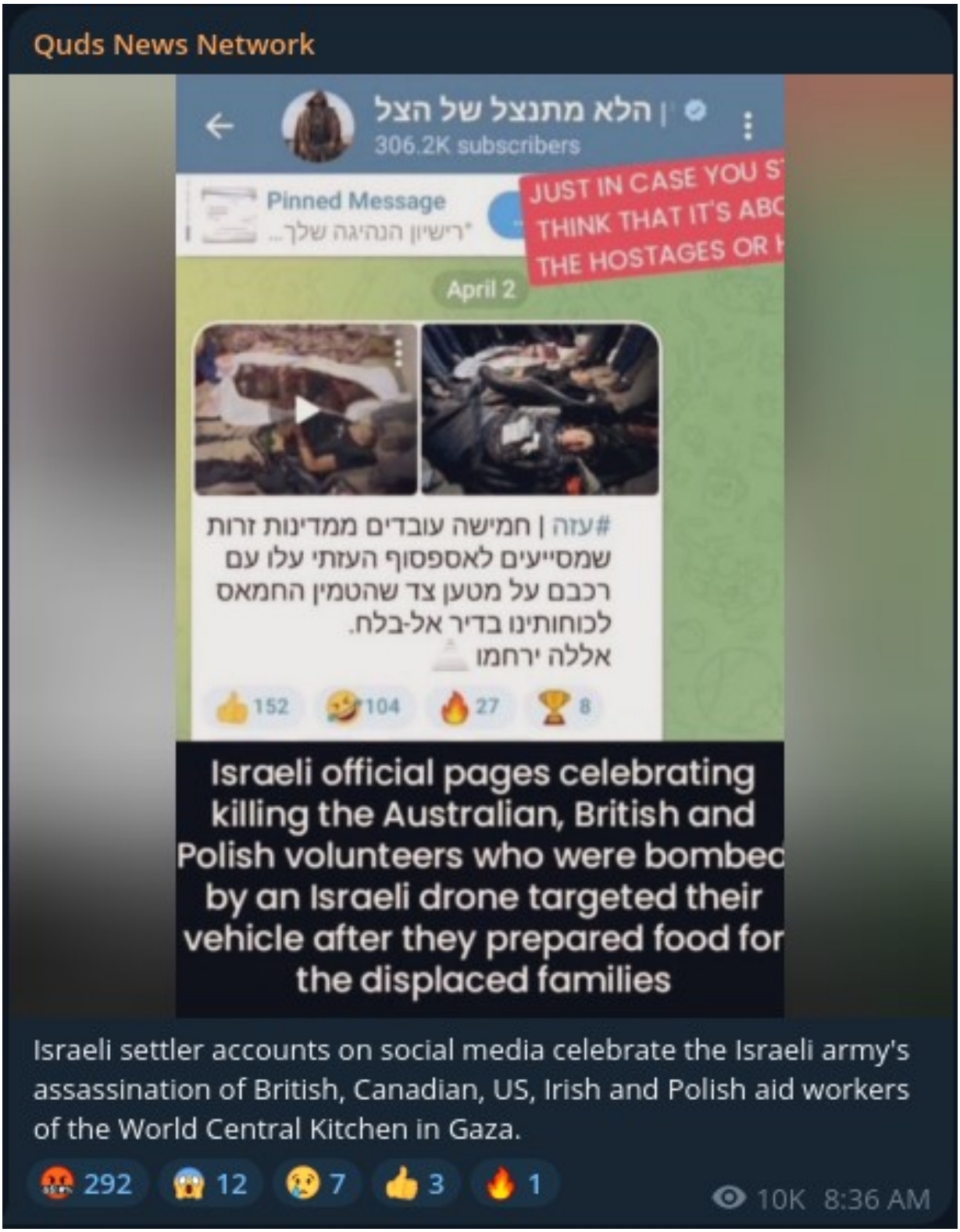

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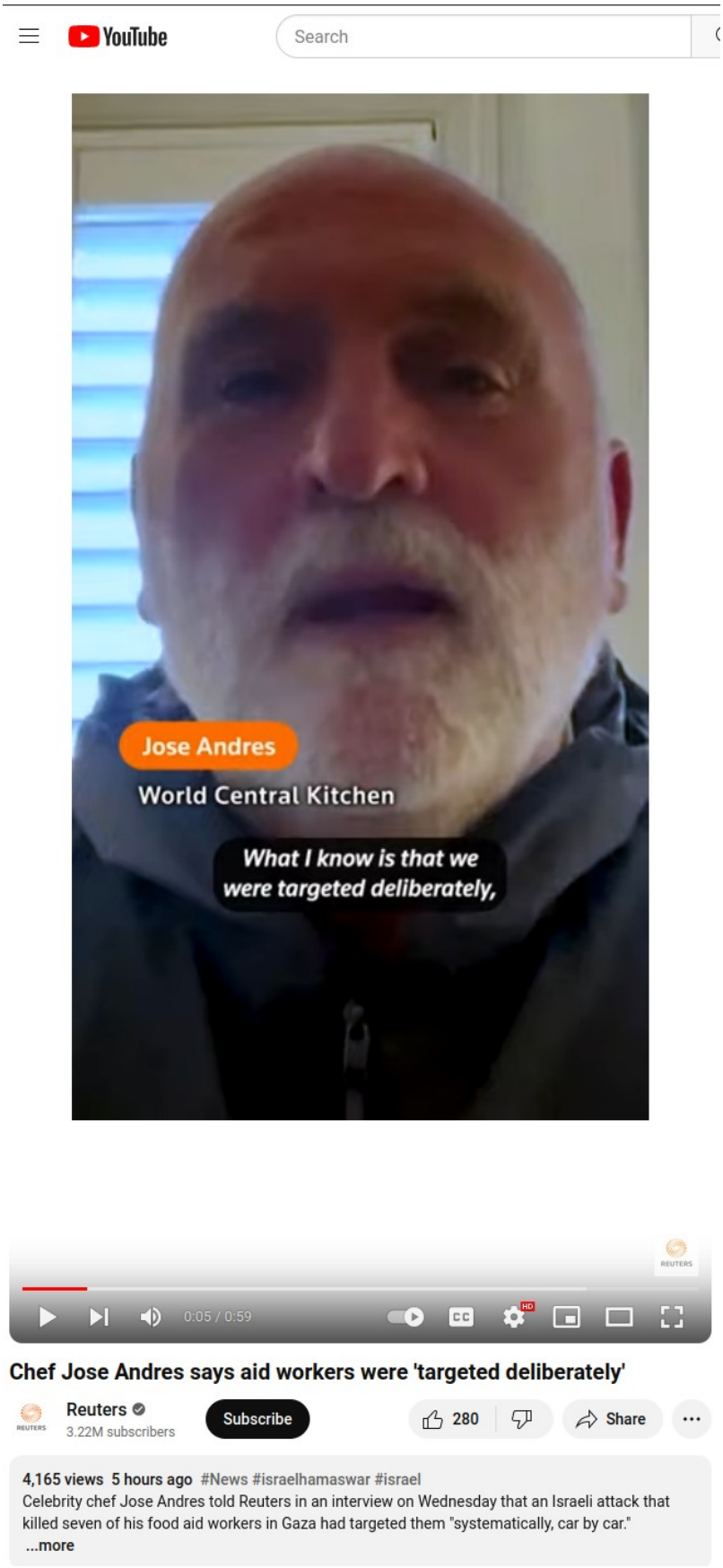

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Celebrity chef Jose Andres says Israel hunted down and killed seven World Central Kitchen food aid workers in Gaza "systematically, car by car"

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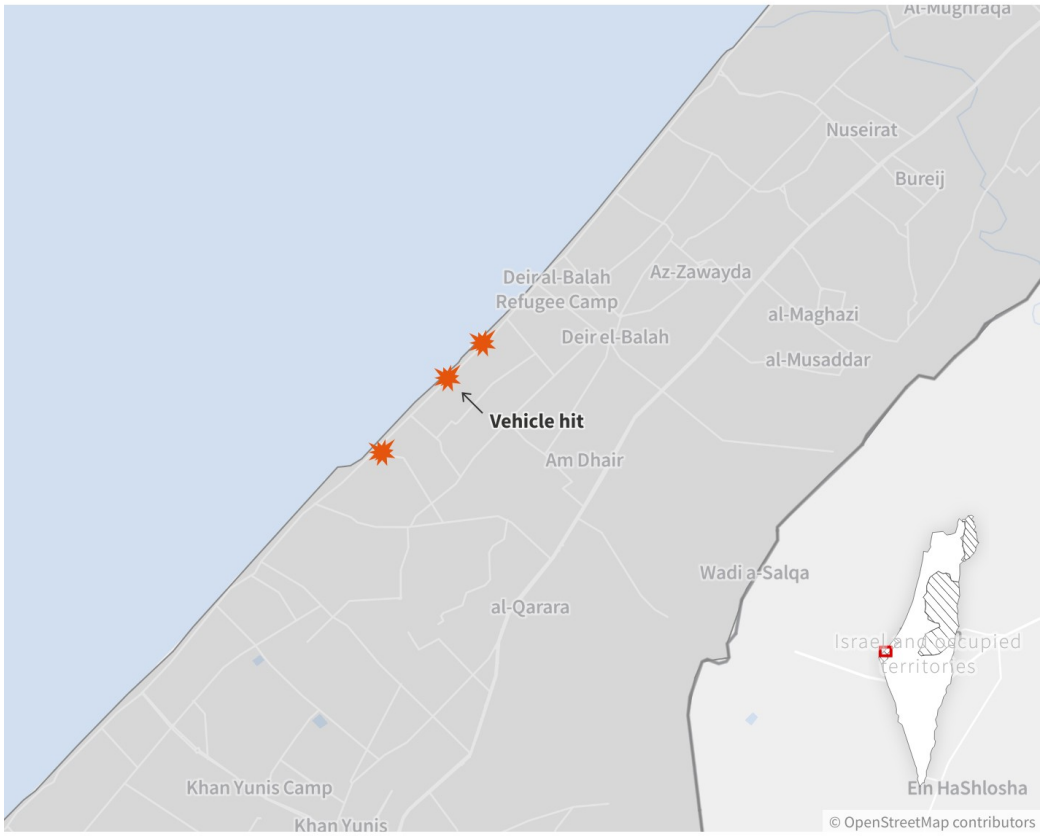
Chef Jose Andres says Israel targeted his aid workers 'systematically, car by car'

By **Jeff Mason**

April 3, 2024 11:23 PM UTC · Updated 4 hours ago

IDF strikes killed World Central Kitchen workers in Gaza

WCK confirmed in the statement that their team was traveling in a deconflicted zone in two armored cars branded with their logo and a soft skin vehicle. Reuters was able to independently confirm the locations of three destroyed vehicles by matching verified photos and corroborating videos with satellite imagery. The nearby buildings, building structures and vegetation matched satellite imagery of the area.



Source: Pola Grzanka, Anna Lubowicka

Andres said the IDF was aware of the convoy's whereabouts. He called for investigations of the incident by the U.S. government and by the home country of every aid worker that was killed.

"They were targeting us in a deconflicting zone, in an area controlled by IDF. They knowing that it was our teams moving on that road ... with three cars," he said.

The aid workers were killed when their convoy was hit shortly after they oversaw the unloading of 100 tons of food brought to Gaza by sea. Israel's military expressed "severe sorrow" over the incident and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu called it unintentional.

https://www.reuters.com/world/middle-east/chef-jose-andres-says-israel-targeted-his-aid-workers-systematically-car-by-car-2024-04-03/

Israel Violates UN Ceasefire & ICJ Provisional Measures by Continuting to Attack WHO Aid Workers

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Graphic | A massacre has been uncovered in western Gaza City, where a Palestinian family was found executed by the Israeli occupation forces.

The forces are still present in the area, preventing an elderly woman who is still alive among the bodies from moving.

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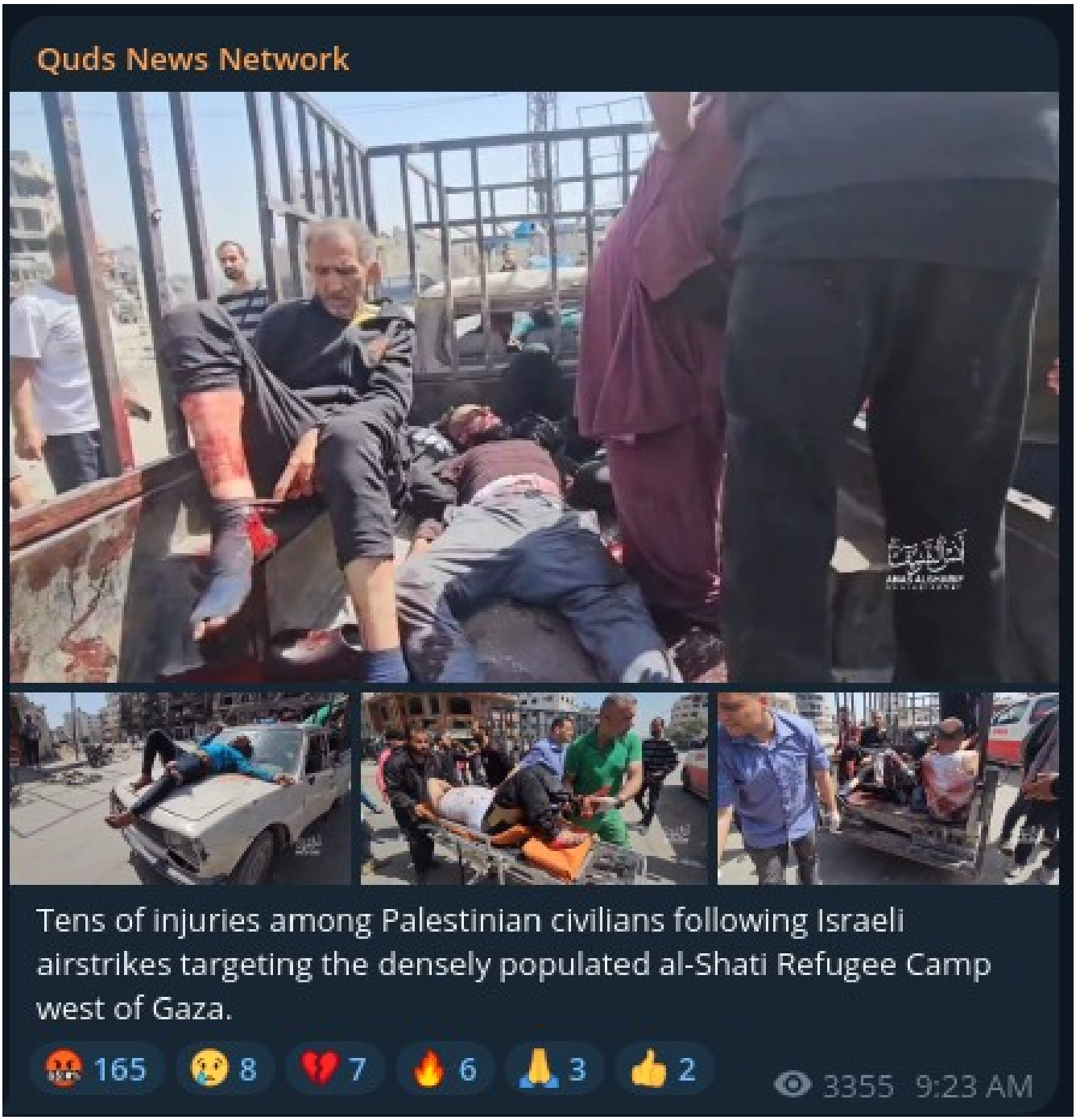

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At least four killed in Israeli attack on Al-Aqsa Hospital in Gaza

WHO chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said four people were killed and 17 others wounded in the air strike.

Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus
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A @WHO team was on a humanitarian mission at Al-Aqsa Hospital in #Gaza, when a tent camp inside the hospital compound was hit by an Israeli airstrike today. Four people were killed and 17 injured. WHO staff are all accounted for.

The team was at the hospital assessing the needs… Show more

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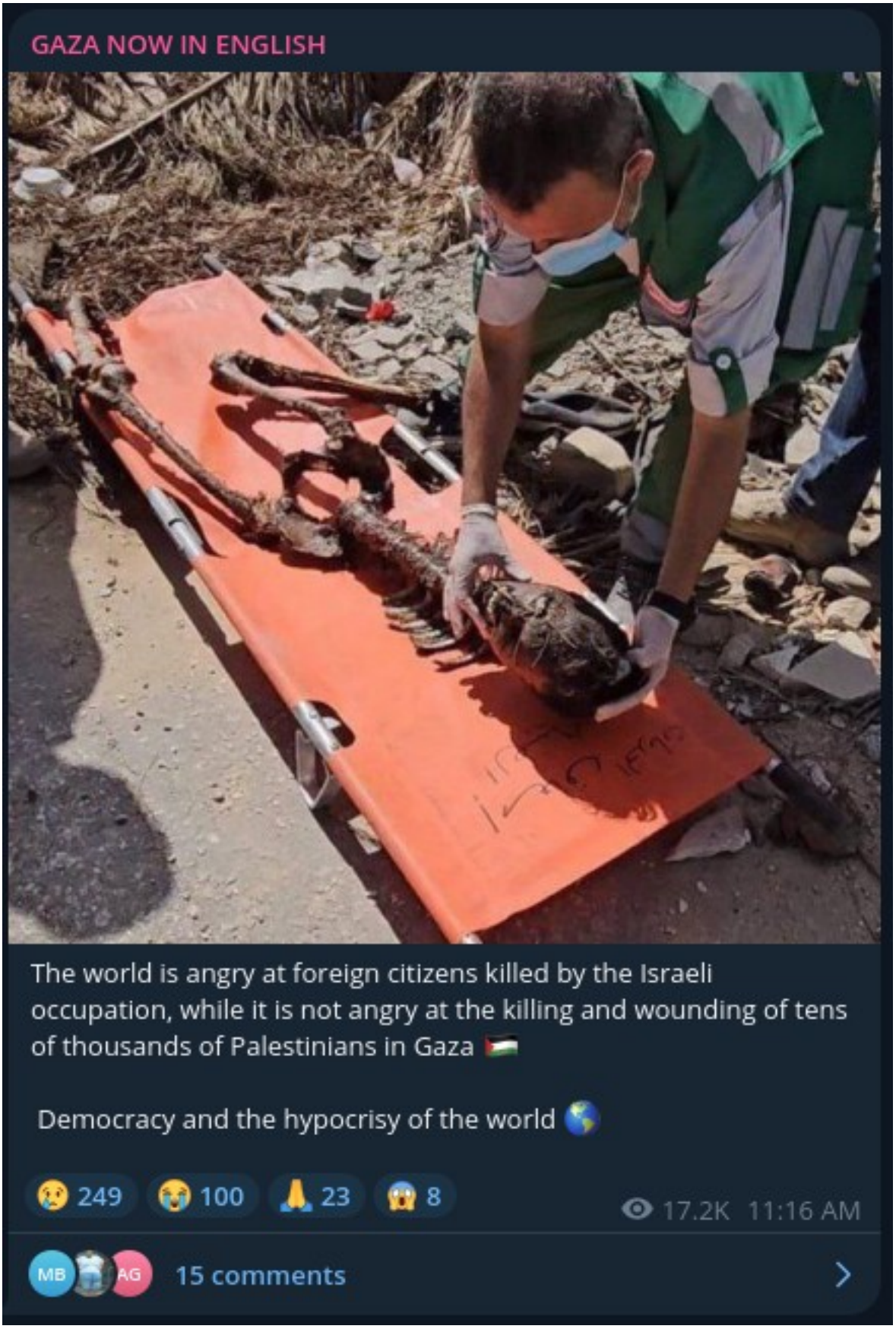

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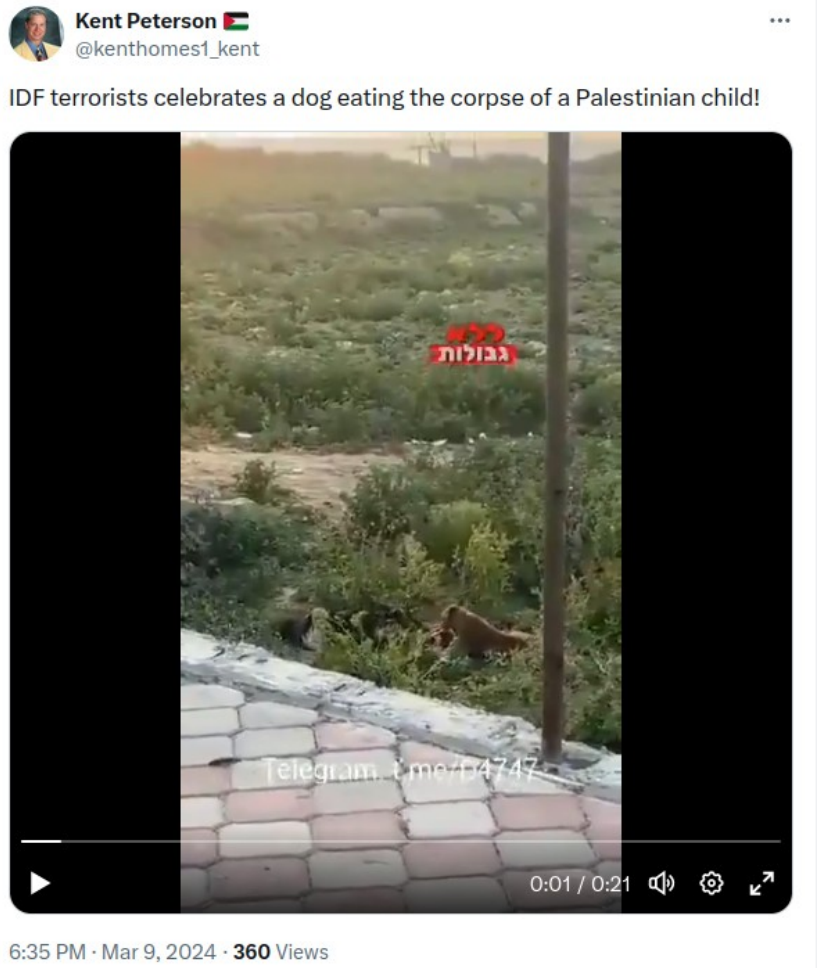

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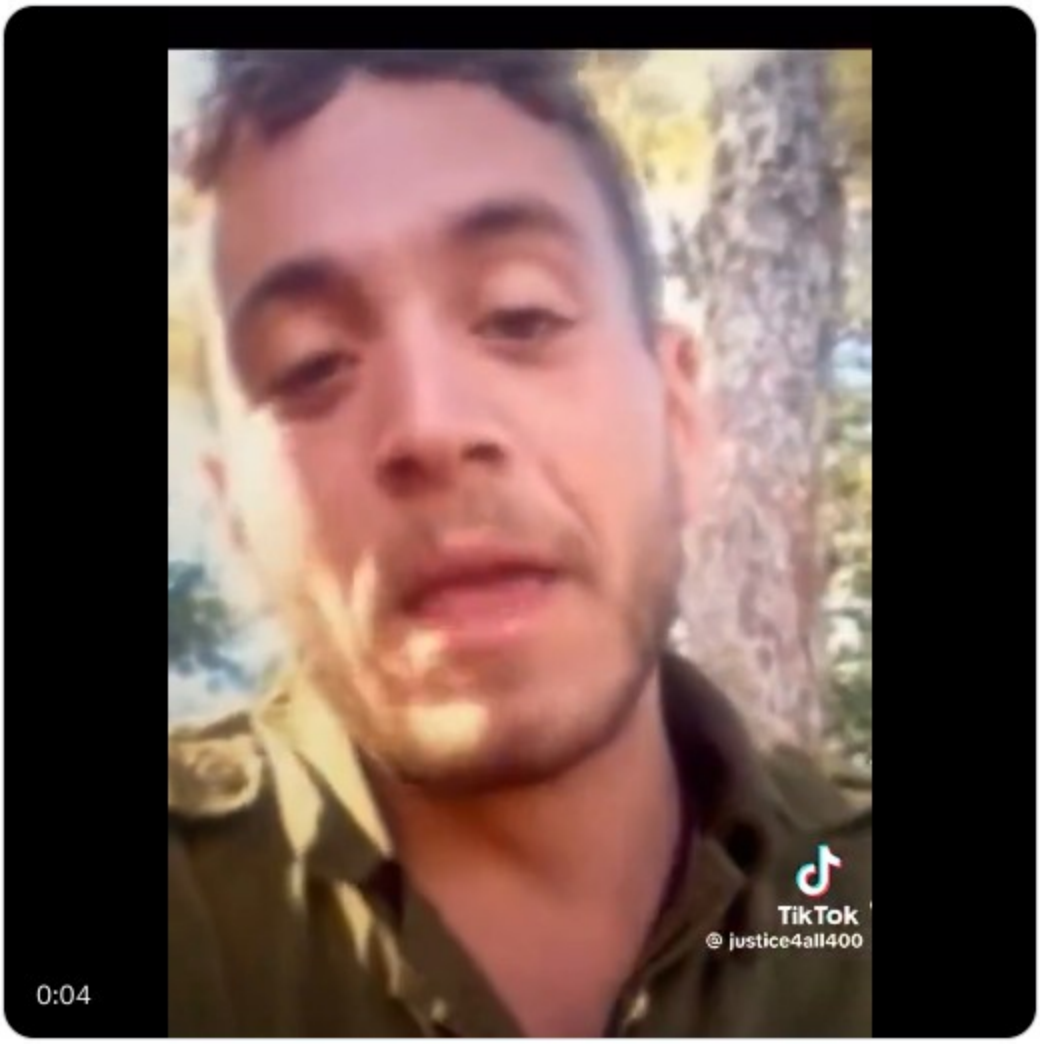
"We are looking for babies but there is no babies left, I killed a girl that was 12, but we're looking for babies"

A circulating video shows an Israeli soldier bragging about killing Palestinian babies and children.



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"Noa look, Your boyfriend has bought you a new necklace made in #Gaza."

Israelis brag about stealing from houses that they bombarded and ethnically cleansed their owners.

This necklace belonged to a Palestinian girl, who was waiting for her wedding but the Israelis killed her.

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Israeli occupation destroyed a whole neighbor middle of Gaza city

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Reporters Without Borders raises concern over the disappearance of Palestinian journalist Bayan Abusultan, who was last seen on 19/3 among those sequestered in the Israeli raid on al-Shifa hospital in Gaza.

The last tweet Bayan posted was witnessing the killing of her brother by Israeli forces in front of her eyes.

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“This was a school that is now an IDF outpost.”

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Palestinian children killed/ injured in Rafah, this was right after the UN security council resolution for an “immediate” ceasefire.

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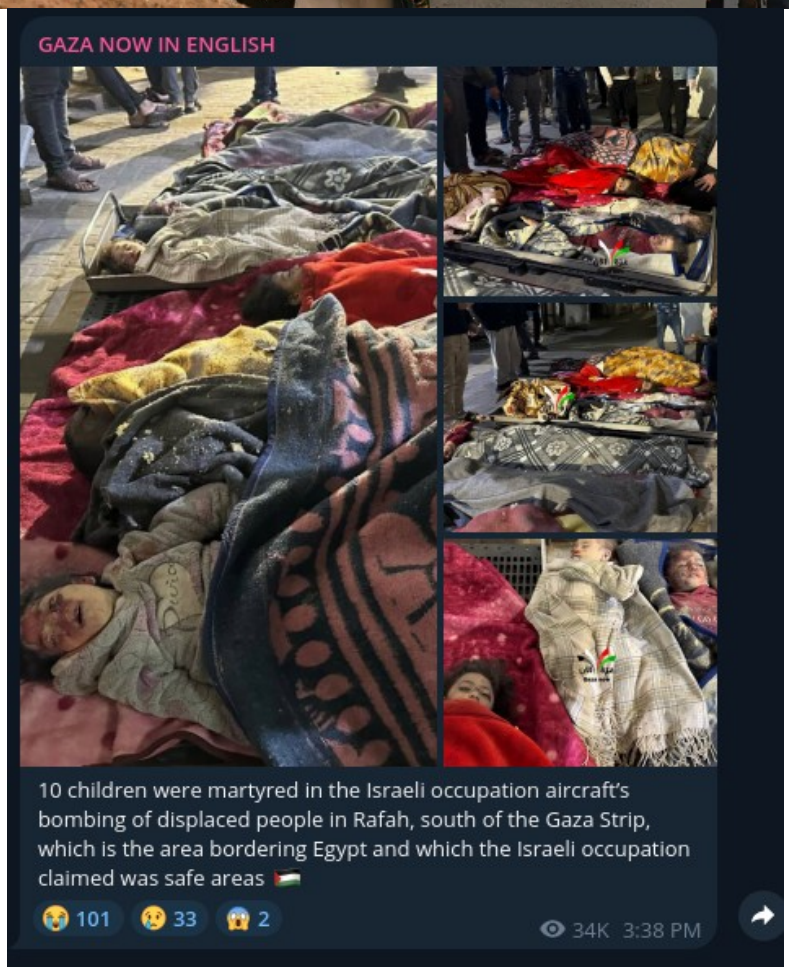
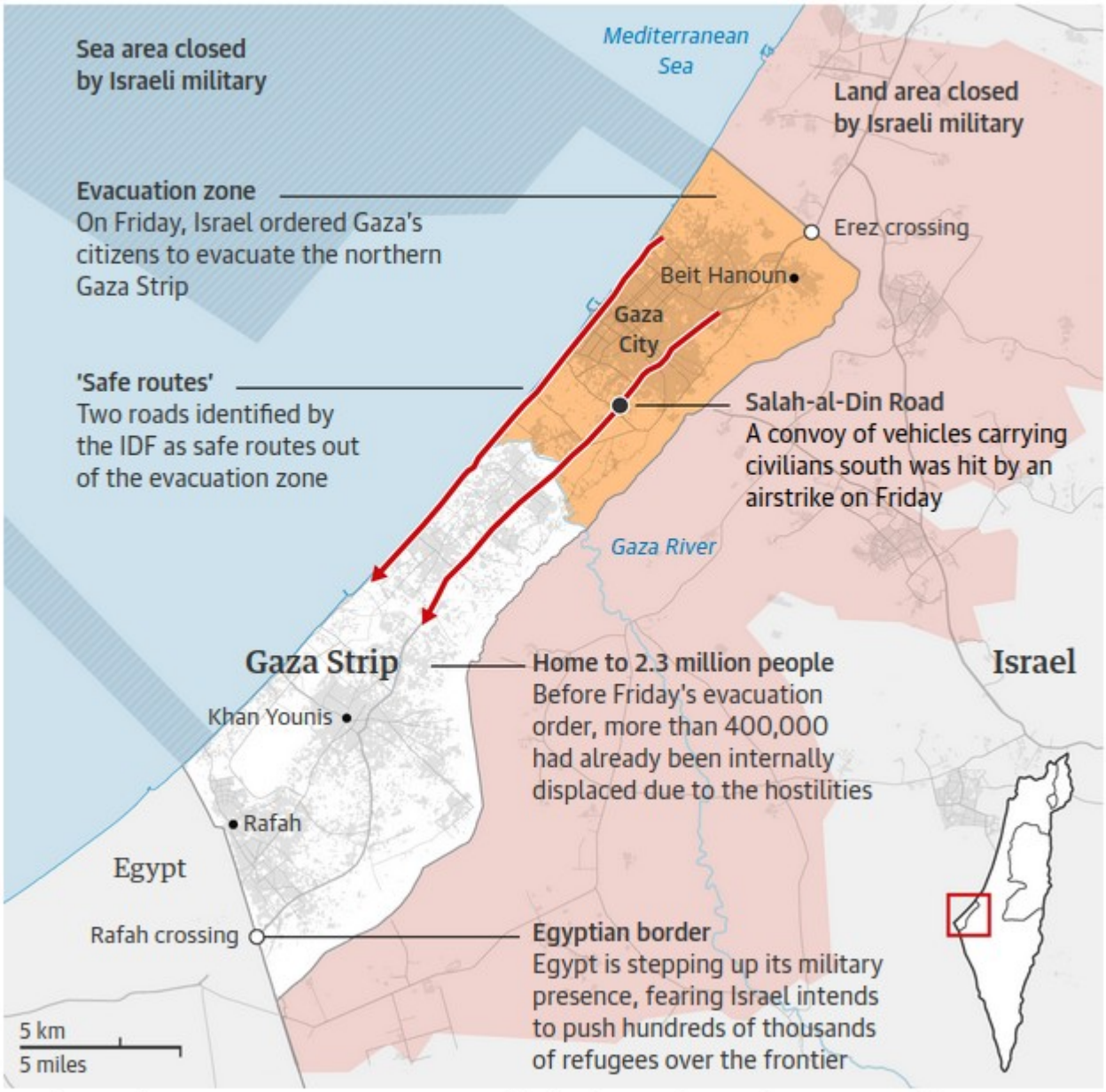
Rafah Invasion: Israel Starts Bombing Areas it Forced Refugees To:



Evacuation of northern Gaza



Guardian graphic. Source: IDF, OpenStreetMap, UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs

Politics

Israel Opens Another 'Safe Passage' for Gazans to Move South

- Military continues to urge people to evacuate northern Gaza
- Aid trucks are in Egypt in case Rafah border temporarily opens

Palestinians flee from Gaza City to southern Gaza. *Photographer: Ahmad Salem/Bloomberg*

By Galit Altstein, Henry Meyer, and Salma El Wardany
October 16, 2023 at 6:32 AM UTC
Updated on October 16, 2023 at 2:59 PM UTC

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Israel announced another "safe corridor" in Gaza as it urges civilians to move to the south of the territory from the north, where it's concentrating the bulk of its military activities.

The Israel Defense Forces said it would "refrain from targeting a designated axis" between 8 a.m. and midday local time on Monday "to allow safe evacuation from north Gaza to the area south of Wadi Gaza and Khan Yunis."

https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2023-10-16/israel-announces-another-safe-passage-for-gazans-to-move-south

NATIONAL REVIEW

Netanyahu Set to Defy Biden and Invade Rafah

Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu speaks during the weekly cabinet meeting at the Defense Ministry in Tel Aviv, Israel, January 7, 2024. (Ronen Zvulun/Reuters)

By **LUTHER RAY ABEL**
March 10, 2024 9:00 PM

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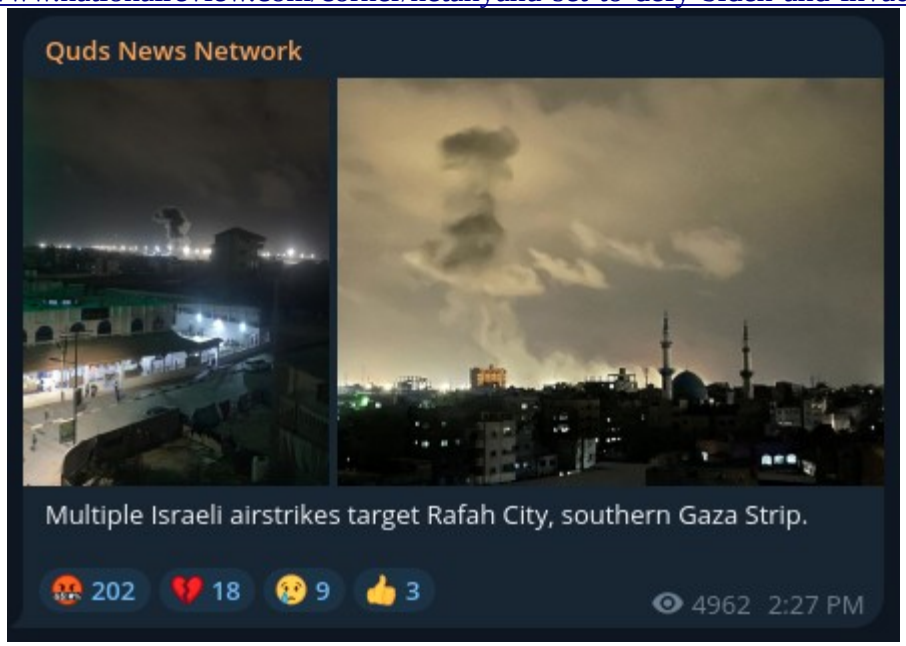

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has ordered the military to prepare for an offensive in the southern Gaza city, Hamas's last stronghold in Gaza, where the UN says roughly 1.4 million Palestinians are sheltering after fleeing fighting in other areas of the territory.

Netanyahu pledged to provide "safe passage" for civilians out of Rafah, in an interview with ABC News released over the weekend — without specifying where the large number of people massed near the border with Egypt would go. Washington has urged Israel to come up with a "credible" plan to protect civilians in the city before launching the offensive.

When asked if the United Nations would participate in such an evacuation mission, Guterres' spokesman Stephane Dujarric told reporters the world body wanted to "ensure that anything that happens is done in full respect of international law, in the full respect of the protection of civilians."

"We will not be party to forced displacement of people," Dujarric said. "As it is, there is no place that is currently safe in Gaza."

"You can't send people back to areas that are littered with unexploded ordnance, not to mention a lack of shelter," the UN spokesman said, referring to parts of the northern and central Gaza Strip

Israel has dismissed claims of shortages in the Strip and alleges that existing problems have been caused by the inability of the UN to properly distribute the goods once they enter the enclave.

Last week, Dujarric had already highlighted the need to ensure that the Palestinians massed in Rafah were "protected."

"We would not support in any way forced displacement, which goes against international law," he said.

Israel is preparing for the Rafah offensive, a crucial goal in the war as it serves as a smuggling haven for the enclave's terror groups, even as efforts toward a truce and a potential hostage deal are ongoing.

https://www.timesofisrael.com/un-will-not-be-party-to-rafah-evacuation-due-to-lack-of-safe-refuge-in-gaza/

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-13180411/Netanyahu-Biden-Rafah-red-line-Israel.html

Netanyahu ignored Biden's warning and said that the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) will invade Rafah (pictured) and said that most of the Arab world supports him in doing so

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Al Masri residential tower which was bombed by Israeli warplanes in Rafah city. The tower was a shelter for hundreds of families who have now become homeless.

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Israeli air raid hits residence, kills at least seven in Gaza's Rafah

Bodies seen scattered on road after Israeli forces hit a residential home in city filled with displaced Palestinians.

Palestinians gather at the site of an Israeli attack on a house in Rafah, southern Gaza Strip [Ibraheem Abu Mustafa/Reuters]

24 Feb 2024

Israeli forces have killed at least seven people, including a child, in Rafah, in the latest deadly attack on Palestinians struggling to survive in the southern Gaza Strip's largest city.

An Israeli air raid hit a residential building belonging to the Shahin family on Saturday, housing displaced people from the Abu Hamra and Abu Sultan families, the Palestinian state news agency Wafa reported.

https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2024/2/24/israeli-airstrike-targets-central-rafah-home-killing-palestinians-gaza

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Reports suggest at least 32 people were killed [Mohammed Abed/AFP]

12 Feb 2024

Israel has carried out air strikes in the southern Gaza city of Rafah, killing dozens, according to health officials, as Palestinians brace for a major offensive on the densely crowded urban area.

https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2024/2/12/israel-strikes-rafah-says-two-captives-freed

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Israeli airstrikes kill more than 100 in Rafah as international alarm mounts over anticipated ground offensive

By Helen Regan and Abeer Salman, CNN

7 minute read · Updated 12:37 PM EST, Mon February 12, 2024

https://edition.cnn.com/2024/02/12/middleeast/israel-airstrikes-rafah-ground-offensive-looms-intl-hnk/index.html

Israeli Calls for Turning Gaza into Dresden:

https://thegrayzone.com/2023/10/21/israeli-attack-axis-gaza-dresden/

Slaughterhouse-Five, or, The Children's Crusade: A Duty-Dance with Death is a 1969 semi-autobiographic science fiction-infused anti-war novel by Kurt Vonnegut. It follows the life experiences of Billy Pilgrim, from his early years, to his time as an American soldier and chaplain's assistant during World War II, to the post-war years. Throughout the novel, Billy frequently travels back and forth through time. The protagonist deals with a temporal crisis as a result of his post-war psychological trauma. The text centers on Billy's capture by the German Army and his survival of the Allied firebombing of Dresden as a prisoner of war, an experience that Vonnegut endured as an American serviceman. The work has been called an example of "unmatched moral clarity"[3] and "one of the most enduring anti-war novels of all time".[3]

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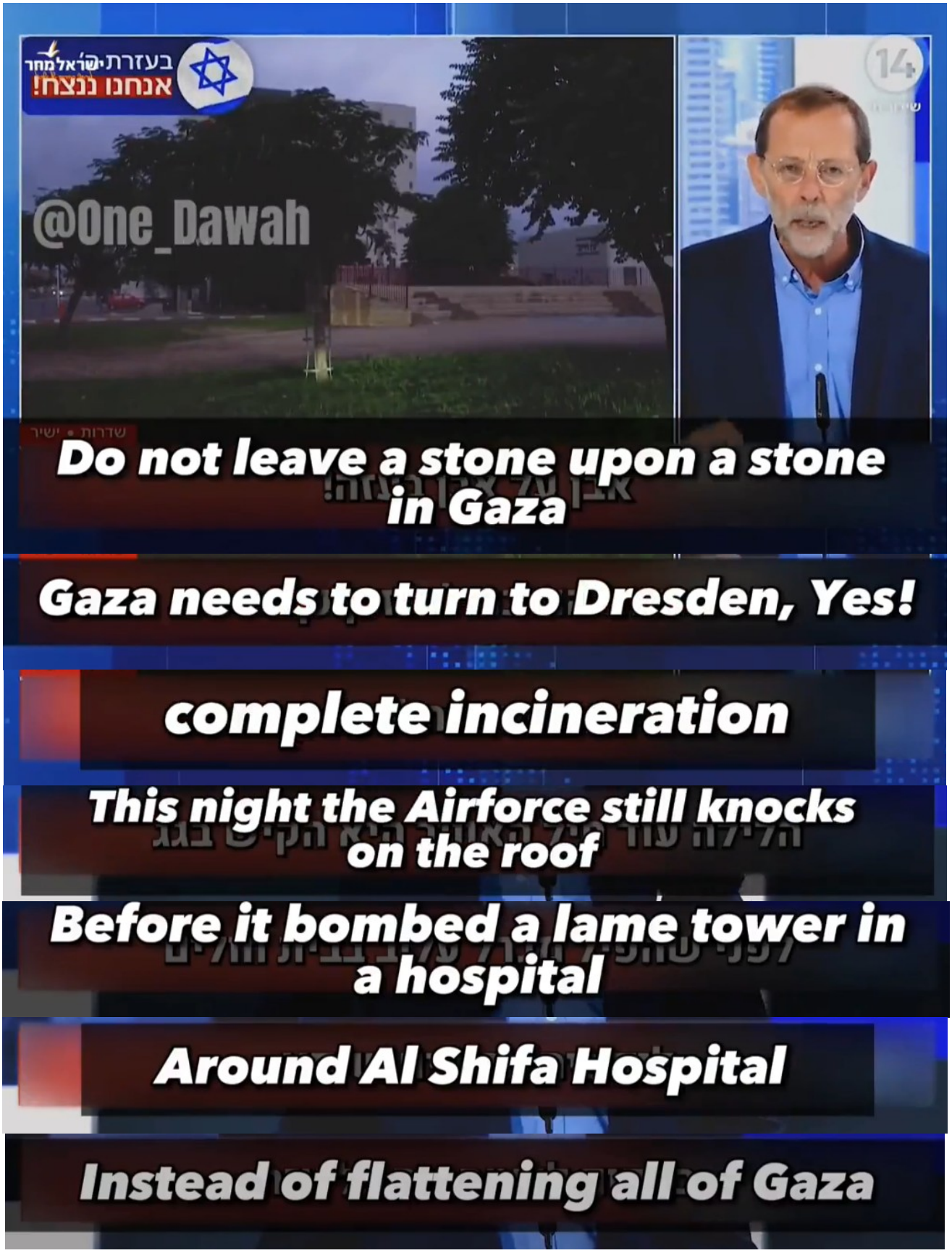
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14
Do not leave a stone upon a stone in Gaza
Gaza needs to turn to Dresden, Yes!
complete incineration
This night the Airforce still knocks on the roof
Before it bombed a lame tower in a hospital
Around Al Shifa Hospital
Instead of flattening all of Gaza

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Dresden, FIRE bombed by U.S. and English war planes during WW2:

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Gaza Strip, Before:

Gaza Strip, After:

Images of Hiroshima Nuclear Bombing by the United States of America:

A man sits on debris as Palestinians conduct a search and rescue operation in Jabalya refugee camp in Gaza City, on November 1. Ali Jadallah/Anadolu/Getty Images

Left: Map showing destroyed buildings. 55% of all buildings in Gaza have been razed. Source: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HKrdvVSSifk

GAZA NOW IN ENGLISH

What is happening in Gaza has gone beyond Hiroshima and Nagasaki 🇵🇸

😭 253 😢 39 🙏 19 😱 14

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Before and after - Atatra, northern Gaza

Before and after - Atatra, northern Gaza

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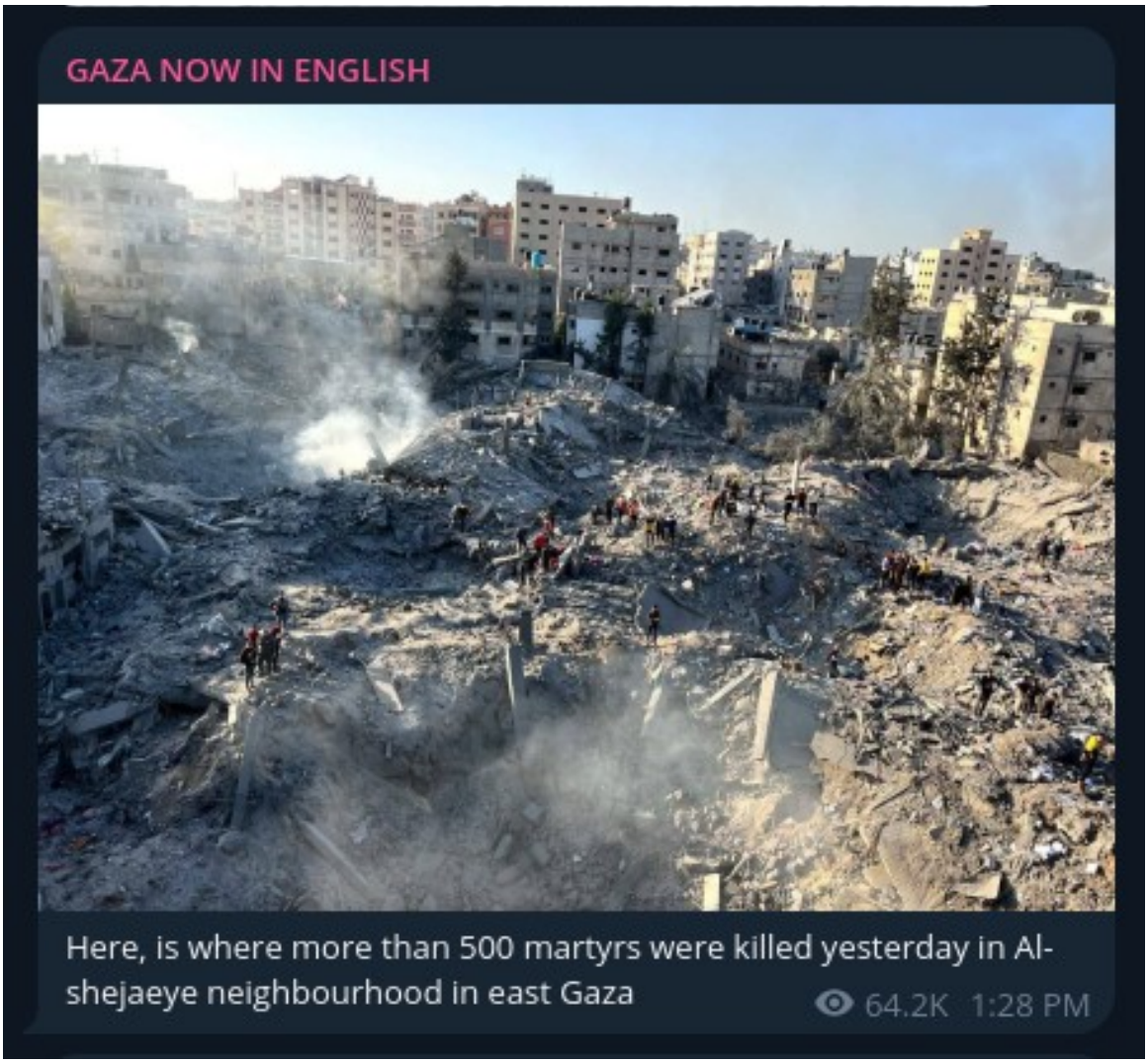
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Here, is where more than 500 martyrs were killed yesterday in Al-shejaeye neighbourhood in east Gaza
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Palestinian prisoners' institutions
The Israeli occupation continues to detain 23 journalists without any charges or trial, and since October 7, it has arrested 61 journalists.

Photographs of Children and Civilians Deliberately Killed by the State of Israel Using United States Supplied Weapons

1945: Nordhausen Germany
مباشر
2024: Gaza Palestine

GAZA NOW IN ENGLISH

She was sleeping.. but the Israeli occupation planes bombed her house in Khan Yunis, south of the Gaza Strip, a short while ago.. so she slept forever.
This is a Palestinian child who is now a martyr. 🇵🇸

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GAZA NOW IN ENGLISH

+18 .. Warning horrific scenes... Dozens of martyrs and hundreds of wounded - most of them children - in Israeli bombing on a number of inhabited homes, today in Beit Lahia in the northern Gaza Strip. 🇵🇸

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GAZA NOW IN ENGLISH

The occupation's target bank in Gaza... A newborn martyr, just 5 days old.

😭 18 😢 2

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GAZA NOW IN ENGLISH

"Despite attempts to revive her, she took one last breath and became a martyr!"
The last moments of the death of a child as a result of the occupation bombing of the Gaza Strip. 🇵🇸

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GAZA NOW IN ENGLISH

For everyone who has a heart... “These are the surviving members of their families who are martyrs. An urgent appeal for children whose lives are threatened with death in Al-Aqsa Martyrs Hospital in the middle of the Gaza Strip. We addressed this appeal to” Egypt, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, the Emirates, Jordan and... Kuwait, Turkey, Tunisia, Algeria, Morocco and other countries, and so far more than 10 days have passed without any response to children who are in pain every minute, and need to travel through the Rafah crossing to any country to receive treatment abroad, the children “Ahmed Mahmoud Moin Ayyash, and Youssef Muhammad Moeen Ayyash, for every living conscience, consider them your children

57.6K 10:30 AM

GAZA NOW IN ENGLISH

82nd day.
We'll never forgive.

😭 37 😢 4

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GAZA NOW IN ENGLISH

The Israeli occupation aircraft targets a residential block in Jabalia camp near the junction of Al-Huja behind the Syrian restaurant, resulting in several martyrs, injuries, and some missing individuals.

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51.2K 10:21 AM

GAZA NOW IN ENGLISH
The Israeli Target Bank in Gaza, the war of extermination and famine continues before the eyes of the world
262
34
17
13.2K 7:20 PM
42 comments
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00:40
#Israel occupation army murdered a group of young Palestinian children in the Nuseirat camp in the central #Gaza Strip.
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Jackson Hinkle @jacksonhinklle · Dec 4, 2023
ISRAEL CAUGHT using young Palestinians as "HUMAN SHIELDS!"
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Before and after the occupation of Israel

💔 220 🤬 43 👍 38 ❤️ 38 👎 5

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Jackson Hinkle @jacksonhinklle · Oct 29, 2023

ISRAELI TERRORISTS recorded themselves dragging a dead Palestinian body by a rope on their car.

Israel Channel 14 has since DELETED the horrific video!

From **Sulaiman Ahmed**

GAZA NOW IN ENGLISH
00:23
سقعانة يما سقعانة
هنا غزة !!!
حسبنا الله ونعم الوكيل
We will never forget.
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Jackson Hinkle @jacksonhinklle · Nov 8, 2023
Childhood for Palestinians in Gaza. Heartbreaking...
Childhood in Gaza
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From StanceGrounded
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4.9M

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مجزرة بحق الأطفال 😭💔
A massacre of children now in the middle of the Strip😭
"Another infant arrives at the hospital after being injured in the Israeli occupation aircraft's bombing of Gaza."
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Jackson Hinkle @jacksonhinklle · Dec 17, 2023

🚨 ISRAEL is targeting Palestinian kids — not Hamas!

From **The Saviour**

6.6K 75K 147K 4.3M

Jackson Hinkle @jacksonhinklle · Oct 20, 2023

This little girl from the Gaza Strip was rescued from the rubble after Israel BOMBED her home.

From **Sprinter**

7.3K 69K 174K 11M

Jackson Hinkle 🇺🇸 @jacksonhinklle · Oct 31, 2023

🇵🇸 🇮🇱 ISRAEL is a TERRORIST STATE!

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GAZA NOW IN ENGLISH

"They tied them up, shrouded them alive, put them in a pit, killed them en masse, and buried them."
The Israeli occupation executes 30 Palestinians in the northern Gaza Strip 🇵🇸

😭 556 😢 70 😱 44 🙏 31 53.2K 7:32 AM

GAZA NOW IN ENGLISH

The genocidal war committed by the "Israeli occupation" against civilian children and women in Gaza continues before the eyes of the world 🇵🇸

😭 365 😢 52 🙏 15

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The Israeli media describes the Israeli army's killing of nine Palestinian children recently in Deir al-Balah in the central Gaza Strip as "little pigs that will grow like all of Nazi Gaza."

😭 187 😱 20 😢 19 🙏 14

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The Israeli occupation kills a large number of citizens who were waiting to receive humanitarian aid on Al-Rashid Street, west of Gaza City.... They were martyred with empty stomachs 🇵🇸

😭 410 😢 43 🙏 19 😱 5

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96 comments

GAZA NOW IN ENGLISH

😭 645 😢 104 🙏 39 😱 11

GAZA NOW IN ENGLISH

Child martyrs a short while ago in the Nuseirat camp in the central Gaza Strip 🇵🇸

😭 605 😢 62 🙏 32 😱 18

42.3K 7:00 AM

GAZA NOW IN ENGLISH

10 martyrs, most of them children, a short while ago in Nuseirat in the central Gaza Strip. 🇵🇸

😭 525 😢 62 🙏 19 😱 8

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GAZA NOW IN ENGLISH

Martyrs from the Darwish family home in Camp 2 in Nuseirat in the central Gaza Strip now 🇵🇸

😭 561 😢 95 🙏 28 😱 14

43.2K 9:45 PM

GAZA NOW IN ENGLISH

Before the eyes of the world, the Israeli occupation committed a crime in Rafah, south of the Gaza Strip, resulting in more than 300 martyrs and the injury of most of them children and displaced women on the Egyptian border, which the occupation claimed were safe areas 🇵🇸

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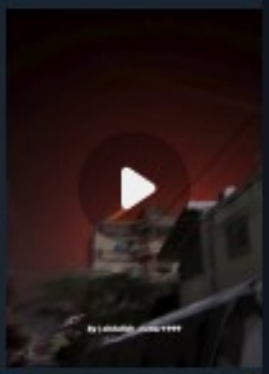

On the 125th day of the war of genocide and mass famine in Gaza, the Israeli occupation will soon commit new massacres, one of which is in Rafah in the south of the Gaza Strip against more than a million and a half displaced people, and another is the Zawaida massacre in the central Gaza Strip. Most of the martyrs are children and displaced women, and the global silence continues 🇵🇸

😢 189 😭 172 🙏 13 😱 9

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أم وأطفالها المصابون يصلون
مستشفى الأقصى بعد قصف في
الزوايدة
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Israeli Targeting of Ambulances in the Gaza Strip and Other Locations:

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Israel bombs ambulance convoy near Gaza's largest hospital

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said he was 'horrified' by the attack.

NOVEMBER 4, 2023 2:19 PM CET
BY PAULA ANDRÉS

The Israeli army bombed a convoy of ambulances near the largest hospital in Gaza on Friday, an attack that "horrified" United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres.

The facility — Al-Shifa hospital in Gaza City — is overcrowded with patients and serves as a refuge for some 20,000 displaced people, according to local health authorities.

The attack resulted in 15 deaths and at least 60 wounded civilians, according to the Palestinian Red Crescent Society (PRCS). In a statement, the PRCS said the convoy of five ambulances tried to transport casualties toward the Rafah border crossing, but was returning to the hospital because the road was blocked with rubble when it was targeted by two missiles.

https://www.politico.eu/article/israel-bomb-ambulance-convoy-gaza-hospital-al-shifa/

Israel admits airstrike on ambulance near hospital that witnesses say killed and wounded dozens

By Andrew Carey and Tara John and Kevin Flower, CNN

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Palestinians pull an ambulance after a convoy of ambulances was hit near the entrance of Al-Shifa hospital in Gaza City. Anas al-Shareef/Reuters

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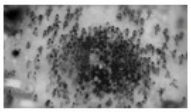
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At least 5 killec after airdroppe falls on them ir Gaza

(CNN) — Israel has claimed responsibility for an attack on an ambulance outside Gaza City's Al-Shifa Hospital, the largest medical facility in the enclave, which witnesses say killed and wounded dozens of people.

At least 15 people were killed and 50 others wounded, the Hamas-run health authorities said Friday. Footage from the scene showed at least a dozen bloodied casualties strewn across the ground near an ambulance. There appears to be some shrapnel damage to at least one of the cars on the scene.

Israel said it had targeted the ambulance because it was being used by Hamas, according to a statement from the Israel Defense Forces (IDF). "An IDF aircraft struck an ambulance that was identified by forces as being used by a Hamas terrorist cell in close proximity to their position in the battle zone," it wrote.

GAZA NOW IN ENGLISH
00:35
طفل إستشhد وهو حامل الراية البيضاء
They targeted them while carrying white flags
Kid, who carried a white flag, got martyred in Shifa Hospital.
56.6K 7:20

Blood is splattered on the side of an ambulance after an Israeli airstrike outside Al-Shifa Hospital in Gaza City on November 3. Saeed Jaras/APAImages/Shutterstock

https://edition.cnn.com/2023/11/03/middleeast/casualties-gazas-shifa-hospital-idf/index.html

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Middle East crisis

Israel attacks Red Cross ambulances

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The first reports of attacks on Lebanese medical staff emerged last weekend, as Israeli aircraft destroyed two Lebanese Red Cross ambulances that were bringing wounded civilians to the Najm Hospital in Tyre.

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Israel Bombing Doctors Without Borders

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MSF convoy attack in Gaza: All elements point to Israeli army responsibility

Two weeks after an MSF convoy was attacked while evacuating from Gaza City, testimonies from MSF staff point to the Israeli military as responsible.

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Destroyed vehicles pictured on November 20. | Palestine 2023 © MSF

On November 18, 2023, a Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) evacuation convoy came under fire in Gaza City in what immediately appeared to be a deliberate attack against clearly identified MSF vehicles. Two people were killed—both family members of MSF staff—including one who was a volunteer supporting MSF medical teams at Al-Shifa Hospital.

Two weeks later, after collecting the testimonies of MSF staff who were present in the convoy that day, all elements point to the responsibility of the Israeli army for this attack.

MSF has also collected testimonies regarding the destruction of five MSF vehicles and the severe damage caused to our clinic in Gaza City on November 20. The vehicles and clinic were all clearly identifiable by the MSF logo. Their destruction can be attributed to an Israeli bulldozer and a heavy military vehicle. Before they were destroyed, these MSF vehicles were potential evidence for any independent investigation into the November 18 attack on the MSF convoy.

https://www.doctorswithoutborders.org/latest/msf-convoy-attack-gaza-all-elements-point-israeli-army-responsibility

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Gaza: Israeli forces attack MSF shelter in Al-Mawasi

The violence against Palestinian civilians in Gaza must end now.

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NEW YORK/JERUSALEM, February 21, 2024—The international medical humanitarian organization Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) condemns in the strongest possible terms the killing of two MSF staff family members during an Israeli offensive on Al-Mawasi in Khan Younis, southern Gaza. Six others were injured in the attack.

Late in the evening of February 20, Israeli forces conducted a military operation in Al-Mawasi—located on Gaza's coastline—during which an Israeli tank fired on a house sheltering MSF colleagues and their families. The attack killed the daughter-in-law and wife of an MSF colleague. Six other people were injured, five of whom were women or children. Bullets were also fired at the clearly marked MSF building, hitting the front gate, the building's exterior, and the interior of the ground floor.

https://www.doctorswithoutborders.org/latest/gaza-israeli-forces-attack-msf-shelter-al-mawasi

ISRAELI USE OF U.S. SUPPLIED WHITE PHOSPHORUS ROUNDS ON CIVILIAN TARGETS:

International Court of Justice

Primary judicial organ of the United Nations

629. Taking into account the weapons used, and in particular the use of white phosphorous in and around *a hospital that the Israeli armed forces knew was not only dealing with scores of injured and wounded but also giving shelter to several hundred civilians*, the Mission finds, based on all the information available to it, that in directly striking the hospital and the ambulance depot the Israeli armed forces in these circumstances violated article 18 of the Fourth Geneva Convention and violated customary international law in relation to proportionality. . . .

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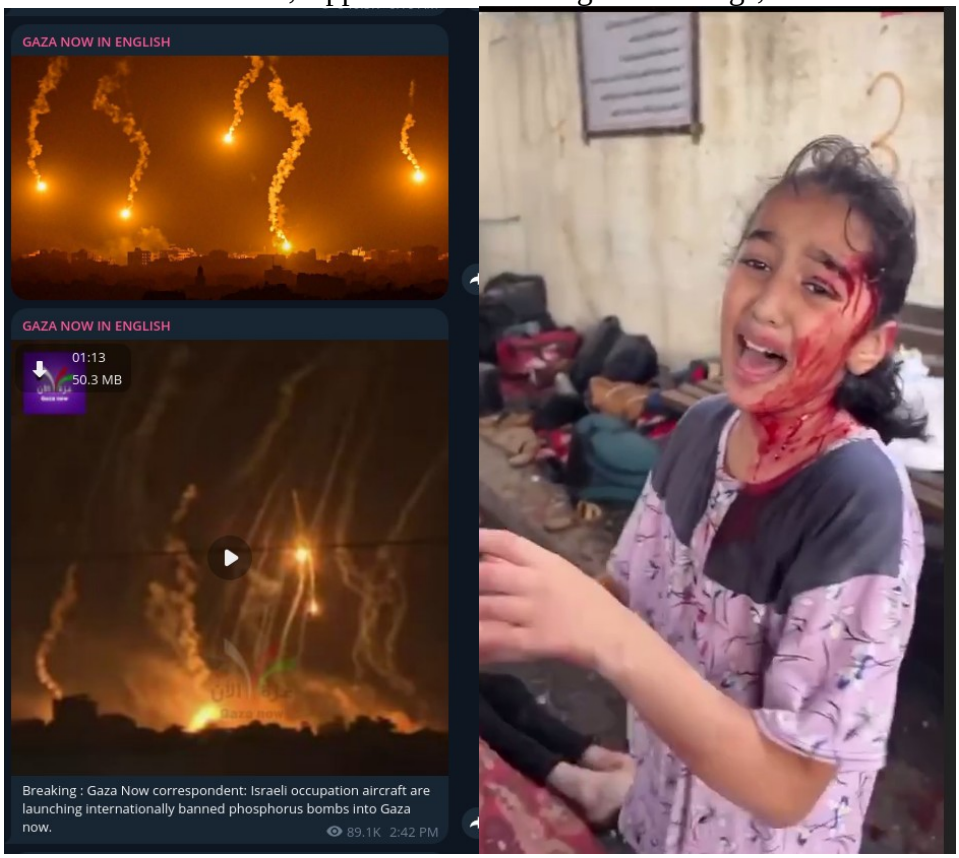

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Breaking : The Israeli occupation is now raining "internationally banned" phosphorus bombs on Al-Shati camp, west of Gaza.
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December 13
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هذا هو عمر أهل الجنة
هل إجابتها كانت صدفة ؟!!😥
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By | abdallah_alattar1999
"Uncle, I want to ask you something.. Is this a dream or reality?"
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At least 17,000 innocent children orphaned in the Gaza Strip!
Many of these children undergo painful amputations without anaesthesia.
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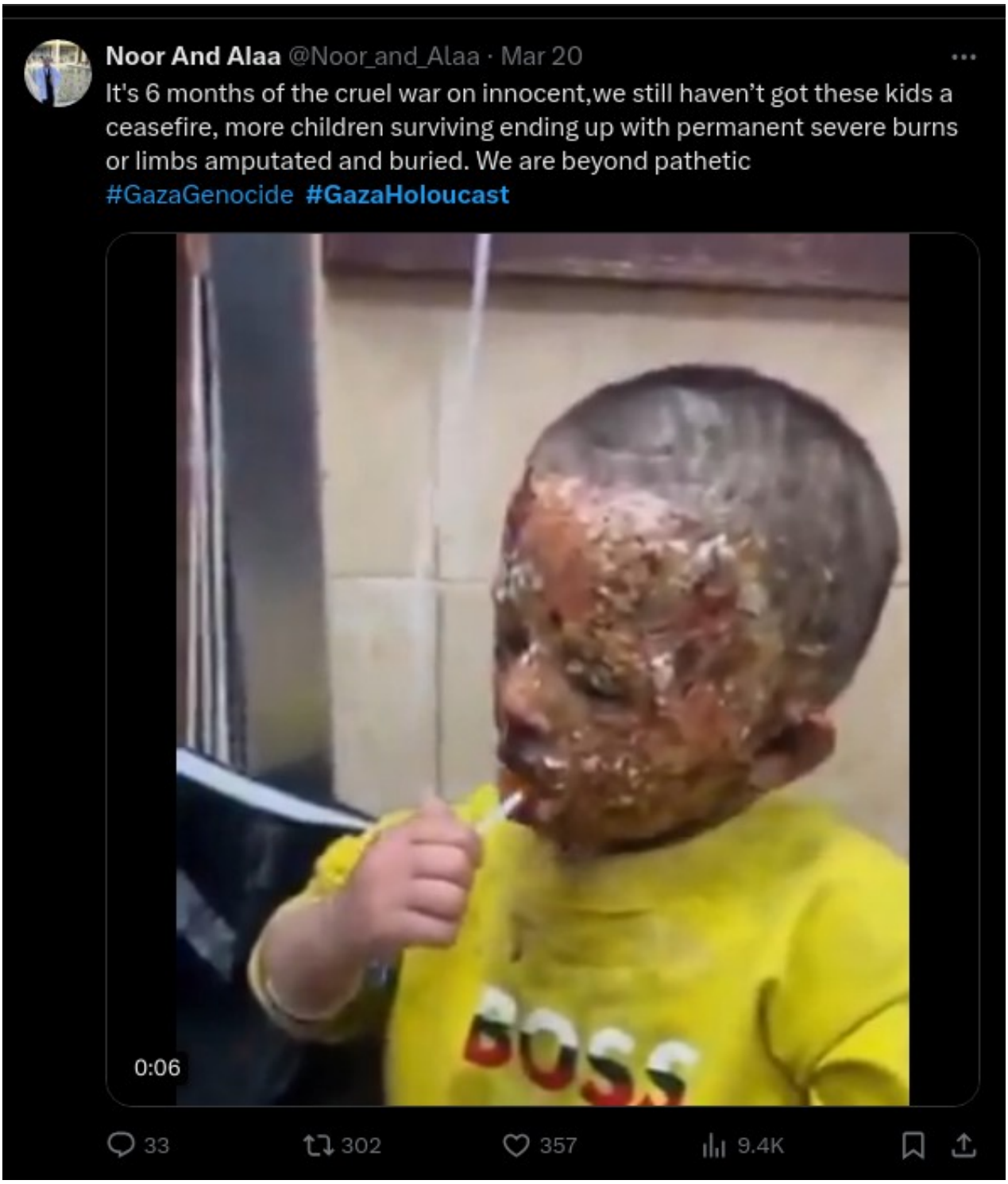

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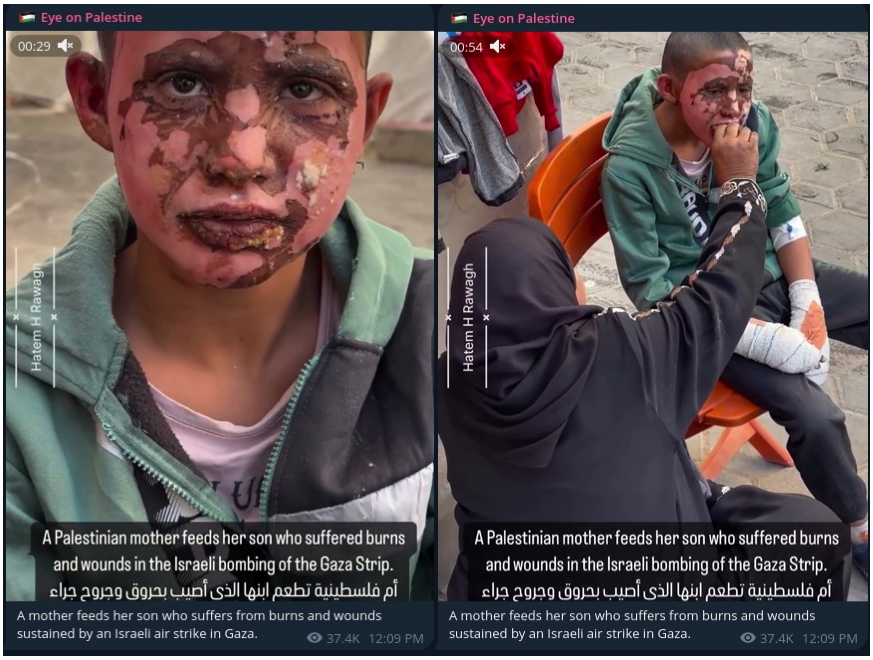
Israel: White Phosphorus Used in Gaza, Lebanon

Use in Populated Areas Poses Grave Risks to Civilians

Airbursts of artillery-fired white phosphorus fall over the Gaza city port, October 11, 2023. © 2023 Mohammed Adeb/AFP via Getty Images



(Beirut, October 12, 2023) – Israel's use of white phosphorus in military operations in Gaza and Lebanon puts civilians at risk of serious and long-term injuries, Human Rights Watch said today in releasing a question and answer document on white phosphorus. Human Rights Watch verified videos taken in Lebanon and Gaza on October 10 and 11, 2023, respectively, showing multiple airbursts of artillery-fired white phosphorus over the Gaza City port and two rural locations along the Israel-Lebanon border, and interviewed two people who described an attack in Gaza.

White phosphorus, which can be used either for marking, signaling, and obscuring, or as a weapon to set fires that burn people and objects, has a significant incendiary effect that can severely burn people and set structures, fields, and other civilian objects in the vicinity on fire. The use of white phosphorus in Gaza, one of the most densely populated areas in the world, magnifies the risk to civilians and violates the international humanitarian law prohibition on putting civilians at unnecessary risk.

"Any time that white phosphorus is used in crowded civilian areas, it poses a high risk of excruciating burns and lifelong suffering," said Lama Fakih, Middle East and North Africa director at Human Rights Watch. "White phosphorous is unlawfully indiscriminate when airburst in populated urban areas, where it can burn down houses and cause egregious harm to civilians."

https://www.hrw.org/news/2023/10/12/israel-white-phosphorus-used-gaza-lebanon

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Israel used U.S.-supplied white phosphorus in Lebanon attack

By William Christou, Alex Horton and Meg Kelly

Updated December 11, 2023 at 3:48 p.m. EST | Published December 11, 2023 at 6:00 a.m. EST

Remnants of a U.S.-produced white phosphorous smoke round found in Dheira, Lebanon. (William Christou for the Washington Post)

Eye on Palestine

Najah Saeed Hassan Al-Shafei, aged 36, is in a critical fight for her life. Following an attack by occupation forces, she suffered extensive injuries, leaving her bedridden with severe burns covering her entire body, now bandaged in layers of dressings. The scarcity of medical supplies and staff at Al Aqsa Hospital in Deir Al Balah exacerbates her suffering.

نجاح سعيد حسن الشافعي، تبلغ من العمر 36 عامًا، تخوض معركة حاسمة من أجل حياتها. بعد تعرضها لهجوم من قوات الاحتلال، أصيبت بجروح بالغة تركتها طريحة الفراش مع حروق شديدة تغطي جسدها بأكمله، والآن ملفوفة بطبقات من الضمادات. تزيد ندرة الإمدادات الطبية وقلة الطاقم الطبي في مستشفى الأقصى بدير البلح من معاناتها.

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Eye on Palestine

The child Omar Al-Hosari, 12 years old, he suffers burns sustained after the bombing of his home by the Israeli warplanes in Gaza. The deep burns cover around 70% of his body. Omar is now in Kamal Adwan Hospital in the northern Gaza Strip and needs urgent medical treatment abroad.

الطفل عمر الحصري 12 عام، يعاني من حروق تغطي قرابة ٧٠٪ من جسده خلال قصف بيته. عمر يتواجد الآن في مستشفى كمال عدوان في شمال قطاع غزة.

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A journalist working for The Post found remnants of three 155mm artillery rounds fired into Dheira, near the border of Israel, which incinerated at least four homes, residents said. The rounds eject felt wedges saturated with white phosphorus, which burns at high temperatures, producing billowing smoke that obscures troop movements as the substance falls haphazardly over a wide area. It can stick to skin, causing potentially fatal burns and respiratory damage, and its use near civilian areas is generally prohibited under international humanitarian law.

Of the nine injured in Israel's attack on Dheira, at least three were hospitalized, one for days.

Lot production codes found on the shells match the nomenclature used by the U.S. military to categorize domestically produced munitions, which show they were made by ammunition depots in Louisiana and Arkansas in 1989 and 1992. The light-green color and other markings — like "WP" printed on one of the remnants — are consistent with white phosphorus rounds, according to arms experts.

Left: One of two remnants of white phosphorus smoke rounds found in Dheira. Their lot production codes begin with "PB-92," which denotes production in Pine Bluff, Ark., in 1992. Right: A third remnant found in Dheira is printed with "THS-89," which denotes production in 1989 by Thiokol Aerospace at a Louisiana plant. (William Christou for The Washington Post)

Apparent white phosphorus shells from Israeli artillery explode over Dheira, Lebanon, on Oct. 16. (Hussein Malla/AP)

Israeli forces continued to shell the town with white phosphorus munitions for hours, residents said, trapping them in their homes until they were able to escape about 7 the next morning. Residents now refer to the attack as the "black night."

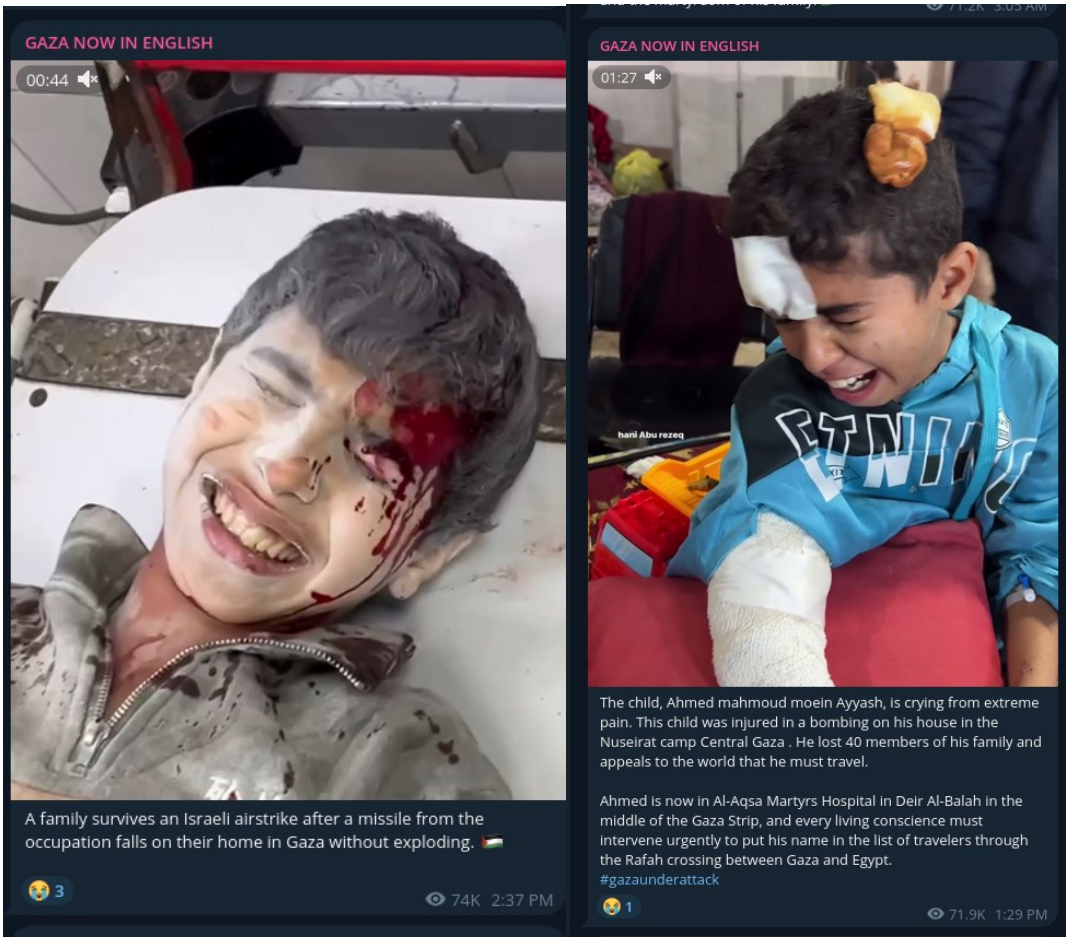
Most fled the town when the shelling stopped, returning during a week-long pause in fighting and leaving again when it resumed.

Uday Abu Sari, a 29-year-old farmer, said in an interview that he was trapped in his home for five hours during the shelling and was unable to breathe because of the smoke. He suffered respiratory problems for days after the attack.

"Emergency services told us to put something that was soaked in water on our faces, which helped a bit. I couldn't see my finger in front of my face," he said. "The whole village became white."

The U.S. origin of the shells was verified by Human Rights Watch and Amnesty International. The same manufacturing codes also appear on white phosphorus shells lined up next to Israeli artillery by the city of Sderot, near the Gaza Strip, in an Oct. 9 photo.

The United States is under an obligation to track the behavior of its partners and allies who receive its assistance in order to comply with U.S. law, said experts in humanitarian law. The use of white phosphorus smoke is permitted if used for legitimate military operations, but as with other weapons, its misuse can violate laws of armed conflict. Rights groups have warned that its use should be restricted around civilians because fire and smoke can be spread to populated areas.



White phosphorus fell onto several homes and ignited fires, incinerating furniture and stripping appliances to scorched metal. Remnants of the sticky, black chemical littered the ground 40 days after the attack and combusted when residents kicked at it.

The interior of a home incinerated by white phosphorus shells in Dheira. (William Christou for The Washington Post)

In 2009, Human Rights Watch documented Israel's use of U.S.-made white phosphorus munitions in violation of international law in its 22-day offensive in Gaza. At least one of the shells found by The Post in Dheira was from the same batch of white phosphorus used by Israel in 2009, according to lot production codes.

https://archive.is/https://www.washingtonpost.com/investigations/2023/12/11/israel-us-white-phosphorus-lebanon/

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There's not enough food in Gaza. Since October 7 the Israeli government has cut water and electricity from its territory, closed its truck crossing with Gaza, and obstructed the delivery of relief supplies to the enclave's 2.2 million people, nearly half of whom are children. The shortage of clean drinking water is especially dangerous. Israel has refused to allow fuel onto the scarce aid trucks entering via Egypt, even though it's needed to power hospital generators, ambulances, and water pumps. Israeli officials have declared that no aid will enter Gaza from Israel, and they justify banning fuel shipments, even via Egypt, on the grounds that fuel would "enable Hamas to continue its attacks on Israeli citizens." On October 15 Israel announced that it was partially restoring the water supply to Gaza's south, but without fuel to pump it, delivery is limited, and the north remains cut off.

The Israeli government continues to obstruct this desperately needed humanitarian aid even as it carries out its campaign of aerial bombardment and expands its ground operations in Gaza. The army has told more than a million people to evacuate the northern half of the enclave, but there's no safe place to go and no safe way to get there. Israeli forces are using explosive weapons in densely populated areas, a practice that predictably causes high civilian casualties. Eighty-three countries, including the United States, have signed a political commitment to refrain from using explosive weapons with wide-area effects—including heavy artillery and aerial bombs—in such areas because of how likely they are to kill and injure civilians indiscriminately. Israel's continual bombardments of Gaza—and Palestinian armed groups' indiscriminate rocket attacks on Israeli communities—magnify this concern many times over. Israel has also used white phosphorus, incendiary material that burns human flesh and can cause lifelong suffering, in populated areas in Gaza—an act that violates the laws-of-war prohibition against putting civilians at unnecessary risk.

https://www.hrw.org/news/2023/10/30/gazas-blocked-relief

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Screenshot from a video posted online, verified by Amnesty's Evidence Lab team, of White phosphorous shells over Al-Mari

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Use of white phosphorus munitions in Dhayra

Amnesty International's Crisis Evidence Lab verified a video showing artillery-dispersed smoke plumes, consistent with white phosphorus munitions, on 16 October in Dhayra.

A shell from Israeli artillery explodes over Dahaira, a Lebanese border village with Israel, south Lebanon, Monday, Oct. 16, 2023. Lebanon's militant Hezbollah group says its fighters have targeted five Israeli posts along the border in the country's south. (AP Photo/Hussein Malla)

Use of white phosphorus in Aita al-Chaab and al-Mari

Amnesty International's Crisis Evidence Lab also verified footage showing the shelling of the border town of Aita al-Chaab and near the town of al-Mari in southern Lebanon.

Two videos verified by Amnesty International's Crisis Evidence Lab filmed on 10 October around al-Mari show ignited felt wedges descending to the ground and instigating widespread fires, almost certainly indicating the use of white phosphorus.

Amnesty International also verified one video and five photos showing the shelling of Aita al-Chaab on 15 October, which very likely show the use of a mixture of white phosphorus rounds and standard high explosive artillery projectiles.

A shell from Israeli artillery explodes over Aita al-Shaab, a Lebanese border village with Israel, south Lebanon, Sunday, Oct. 15, 2023. (AP Photo/Hussein Malla)

Lebanon: Evidence of Israel's unlawful use of white phosphorus in southern Lebanon as cross-border hostilities escalate

The Israeli army fired artillery shells containing white phosphorus, an incendiary weapon, in military operations along Lebanon's southern border between 10 and 16 October 2023, Amnesty International said today. One attack on the town of Dhayra on 16 October must be investigated as a war crime because it was an indiscriminate attack that injured at least nine civilians and damaged civilian objects, and was therefore unlawful, said the organization.

Cross-border hostilities in southern Lebanon have escalated significantly since 7 October. Israeli shelling in Lebanon has killed at least four civilians and 48 Hezbollah members so far. Hezbollah and other armed groups have also fired rockets at northern Israel, killing six Israeli soldiers and one Israeli civilian, according to the Israeli army. Amnesty International is investigating attacks by Hezbollah and other armed groups on northern Israel to determine whether they violated international humanitarian law.

"It is beyond horrific that the Israeli army has indiscriminately used white phosphorous in violation of international humanitarian law. The unlawful use of white phosphorus in Lebanon in the town of Dhayra on 16 October has seriously endangered the lives of civilians, many of whom were hospitalized and displaced, and whose homes and cars caught fire," said Aya Majzoub, Deputy Regional Director for the Middle East and North Africa at Amnesty International.

"With concern growing about an intensification of the hostilities in southern Lebanon, the Israeli army must immediately halt the use of white phosphorus, especially in populated areas, in line with its forgotten 2013 pledge to stop using these weapons. It must abide by its commitment and stop further endangering the lives of civilians in Lebanon."

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Without Congressional approval, the US gave Israel far more weapons than it reported.

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Florida Governor Ron Desantis and the State of Florida Ship Weapons to Israel

"Florida is the most Israel-friendly state in the country..." Florida Governor Ronald Desantis

MIAMI (AP) — Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis said Thursday he's arranged to send drones, weapons and ammunition to Israel as it prepares for an incursion of Gaza in response to Hamas' attack. It's the latest official response DeSantis has taken to back Israel as he competes in the 2024 Republican presidential primary.

Florida has sent cargo planes with healthcare supplies, drones, body armor and helmets, said Jeremy Redfern, a spokesman for the governor's office. The state also worked with groups to supply unspecified amounts of weapons and ammunition that were privately funded, Redfern said.

The governor's office said it acted at the request of Israel's consul general in Miami. Maor Elbaz-Starinsky, the consul general, initially said Thursday he did not request drones, body armor or helmets, nor had he talked to the governor about help getting weapons or ammunition through private parties.

Elbaz-Starinsky said later Thursday that others in the Israeli government had communicated with DeSantis' office to determine what would be sent to Israel.

DeSantis has often applied his official powers to take actions that coincide with his larger political goals. Florida used state funds to fly migrants from Texas to Democratic-led areas such as Martha's Vineyard. And earlier this week, his administration ordered state universities to disband chapters of a pro-Palestinian student group. Since Hamas' Oct. 7 attack, Florida has also run flights for about 700 Americans evacuated from Israel.

DeSantis and the other candidates have largely lined up behind Israel and accused President Joe Biden of not doing enough to support the Israelis. DeSantis has swiped at former President Donald Trump, the heavy front-runner in the 2024 primary, and former South Carolina governor and United Nations ambassador Nikki Haley over Israel as well.

It's unclear whether DeSantis coordinated shipments of any weapons with the Biden administration. The Commerce Department regulates the shipment abroad of many types of U.S. weapons and technology.

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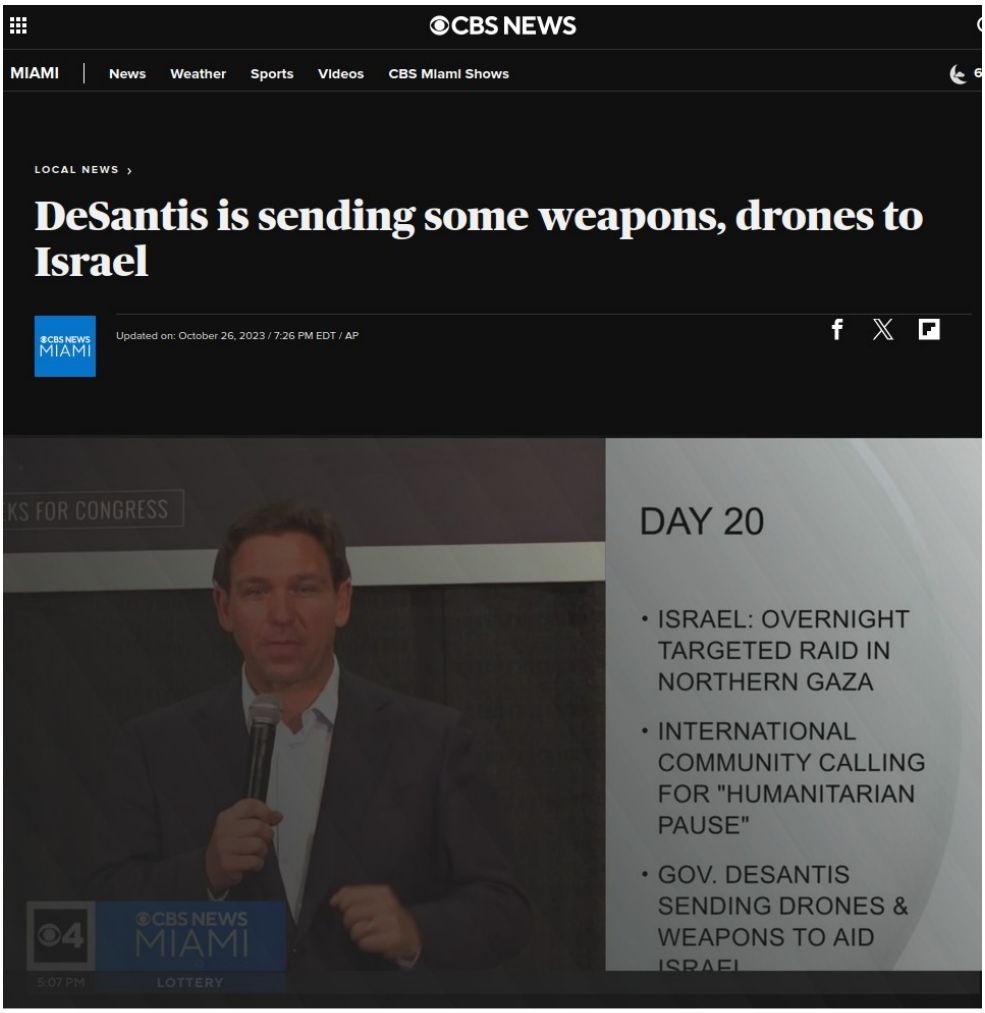

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Redfern would not disclose the type or amount of ammunition and weaponry, referring questions to the consul general, who could not immediately be reached for comment.

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U.S. Weapons Exports to the State of Israel Violates U.S. Law:

Symington & Glenn Amendments to the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961

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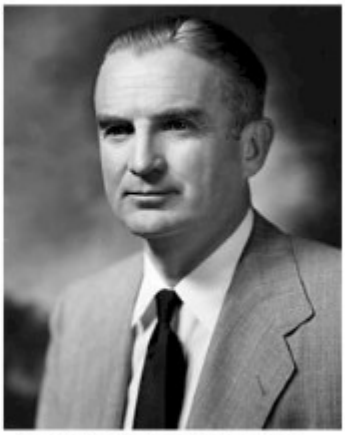

Senator Stuart Symington

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Challenging Weapons Deals Between the United States and Israel: Limitations and Prospects

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I. BACKGROUND

The U.S. tends to a vast network of foreign military assistance.[19] It uses this aid to strengthen the military position of its allies, exert influence over their policy, and subsidize its own domestic weapons producers, among other considerations.[20] Aid to Israel comprises the largest package of foreign assistance of this type,[21] and is a key component in the military

advantages enjoyed by one of the U.S.'s most important military allies.[22] The aid "has helped transform Israel's armed forces into one of the most technologically sophisticated militaries in the world,"[23] and is used to help maintain the Israeli occupation of Palestine, expand settlements, and blockade Gaza.

Perhaps in light of the lack of application of § 2304, U.S. Senator Patrick Leahy created legislation that was much more likely to be enforced.[46] Senator Leahy wrote two statutes, which together are often referred to as the "Leahy Laws" or "Leahy Law."[47] One statute prohibits the furnishing of assistance authorized by the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (FAA) and the Arms Export Control Act to foreign military and security forces where there is credible information the unit has committed gross violations of human rights.[48] The other prevents the Department of Defense from providing training to foreign military or security units suspected of committing gross violations of human rights, unless the state removes those entities from the unit receiving assistance.[49] Senator Leahy stated the original provision had two primary purposes: first, to prevent U.S. taxpayer money from aiding units that "committed heinous crimes," and second, to "encourage foreign governments to bring to justice the individual members of units responsible for such atrocities."[50]

By focusing on units and individuals within a country's security forces and not the entire military of a nation, Senator Leahy felt that the statute was more likely to be enforced.[51] Additionally, the Department of Defense statute allows aid to resume if a country who has a unit in violation of Leahy requirements takes "all necessary corrective steps," including simply removing the accused bad actors from the unit.[52] The FAA statute allows the Secretary of State to block any prohibitions if they determine and report to congressional committees "that the government of such country is taking effective steps to bring the responsible members of the security forces unit to justice."[53] Because of these provisions, the Leahy Laws do not significantly threaten arms deals the Executive is keen on keeping them intact.[54]

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A Palestinian bids farewell to children who were killed by Israeli air strikes in Gaza.
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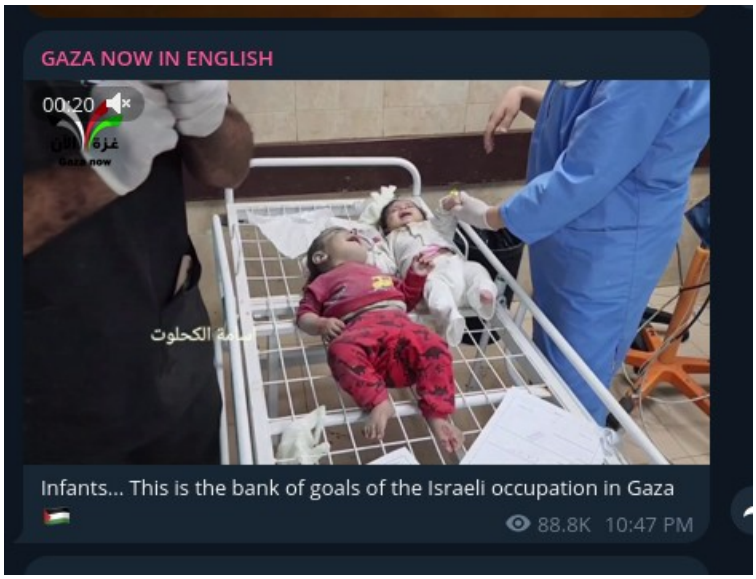

detention of children by any country, including Israel.[64] Congresswoman McCollum's proposed bill argues that given that "the Israeli government receives billions of dollars in assistance from the United States, Congress must work to ensure that American taxpayer dollars never support the Israeli military's detention or abuse of Palestinian children."[65] Because H.R. 2407 targes units that use military detention against children, it represented a significant broadening of the scope of units traditionally denied military aid under the Leahy Laws.[66] The detention of Palestinian children is not undertaken exclusively by rogue "bad apples" in the Israeli military; instead, such detentions are the product of an elaborate system that include all levels of military and police.[67] The Israeli military is responsible for arresting the children, who are often brought to police stations, then tried in the military courts by judges who are active duty or reserve officers in the Israeli army.[68] Therefore, if McCollum's bill became law and were enforced, it would comprise a much broader conditioning of aid than simply denying assistance to an individual or unit.[69] Any attempt to use the Leahy Laws to meaningfully hold Israel accountable would require similar efforts to amend its provisions.[70]

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[64] *Id.*

[65] *Resources on H.R. 2407, Promoting Human Rights for Palestinian Children Living Under Israeli Military Occupation Act*, BETTY MCCOLLUM, https://perma.cc/WA3Z-ERT8 (last visited Oct. 22, 2021).

[66] For an understanding of McCollum's broader goals than typical Leahy Law rejections, *see McCollum Introduces Promoting Human Rights For Palestinian Children Living Under Israeli Military Occupation Act*, BETTY MCCOLLUM (May 1, 2019), https://perma.cc/B8TG-KUVZ (referring to the military detention of children not as acts of bad apples, but as "state-sponsored child abuse" McCollum noted the scale of the problem, stating "[m]ore than 10,000

"consistently prevented the creeping escalation it was expressly designed to control."[78]

In the case of Israel, the U.S. Executive largely acts as if it is free from its obligations under the Leahy Laws. Israel is the only country with whom the U.S. does not track where the weapons its provides goes.[79] This provides the weapons agreements with an additional layer of protection from any claims based on the Leahy Laws, because the U.S. stays willfully ignorant as to which units receive the weapons.[80] Additionally, demonstrating their unwillingness to enforce the statute, the Obama administration took no action on the request from Senator Leahy himself as well as ten members of the U.S. House of Representatives, who were seeking an investigation into whether Israel was violating human rights and should be penalized under the Leahy Laws.[81] The Biden Administration too, through public statements issued during the presidential campaign, betrayed its intention to ignore the provisions of the Leahy Laws, stating "[Biden] would not tie military assistance to Israel to any political decisions that it makes. Period. Full stop. He said it; he's committed to it."[82]

Some commentators take issue with the feasibility of enforcing any meaningful human rights conditions on military aid, arguing that the U.S. military and its most important allies are among the largest serial violators of human rights, and an impartial and honest application of such laws would require an unprecedented and unrealistic shift in U.S. foreign

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terizing the War Powers Resolution so ineffective that 15 years after its passing "Congress has contemplated reenacting a variant of it in order to enforce the Resolutions original purpose.").

III. NUCLEAR PROHIBITION

U.S. law prohibits economic and military aid to countries which develop nuclear weapons outside the framework of the international arms control regime absent mandatory executive actions to waive the restrictions.[88] The Symington Amendment of 1976 bars "economic and military assistance to any country that imported or exported spent nuclear fuel reprocessing or uranium enrichment equipment, materials, or technology but failed to comply with International Atomic Energy Agency [regulations]."[89] The Glenn Amendment of 1977 bars aid to states not recognized as nuclear powers in the non-proliferation treaty that nevertheless detonate nuclear explosions, among other prohibitions.[90] These amendments were integrated into the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Act of 1978, and later incorporated into the Arms Export Control Act.[91]

Within this framework, U.S. legislators began working to limit the U.S.'s role in encouraging proliferation. Senator Symington spoke of the legislative intent behind his amendment in a committee meeting: "In effect, this amendment says to other nations, if you wish to take the dangerous and costly steps necessary to achieve a nuclear weapons option, you cannot expect the United States to help underwrite that effort indirectly or directly."[101] Additionally, U.S. leaders have also stated that being serious about preventing proliferation allows them to "have the standing to go to other countries" and negotiate nonproliferation treaties or chemical weapons disarmaments.[102]

Israel maintains an unannounced nuclear weapons program, and continually engages in activities which bar it from receiving U.S. aid under the Symington Amendment.[103] In October 1986, Mordechai Vanunu, a former technician at the Israel's Negev nuclear facility, provided the sourcing for an article that publicly broke the story of Israel's unannounced nuclear arsenal.[104] His testimony and pictures of the site were scrutinized by nuclear experts who confirmed that Israel in fact had nuclear weapons, the secret weapons factory has been active since the 1960s, and the French provided technology to turn it into a weapons

[108] *See Fact Sheet: Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT)*, CTR. FOR ARMS CONTROL AND NON-PROLIFERATION (Apr. 14, 2017), https://perma.cc/4JXE-3GWA.

IV. AMBIGUITY

Both the U.S. and Israel have a policy to neither confirm nor deny the existence of Israel's nuclear weapons.[113] The agreement is not publicly discussed by either side, but has been reported in major media.[114] Some speculate Israel agrees not to confirm the existence of the weapons because the ambiguity helps dodge international non-proliferation efforts, and any confirmation would draw attention to the potential illegality of the U.S. arms deals with Israel.[115] Because Israel keeps the details of its program secret, estimates about their nuclear capabilities vary.[116] What is significantly less speculative is that the ambiguity is unconvincing.[117] This is perhaps most visible when the U.S. and Israel resist international efforts to create a nuclear-free weapons zone in the Middle East.[118]

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Colin Powell Email Leak: Israel Has Approx 200 Nukes

In leaked emails, Colin Powell says Israel has 200 nukes

While discussing Iran nuclear deal, former secretary of state apparently reveals extent of Jewish state's alleged atomic arsenal

By JUDAH ARI GROSS
15 September 2016, 10:09 pm

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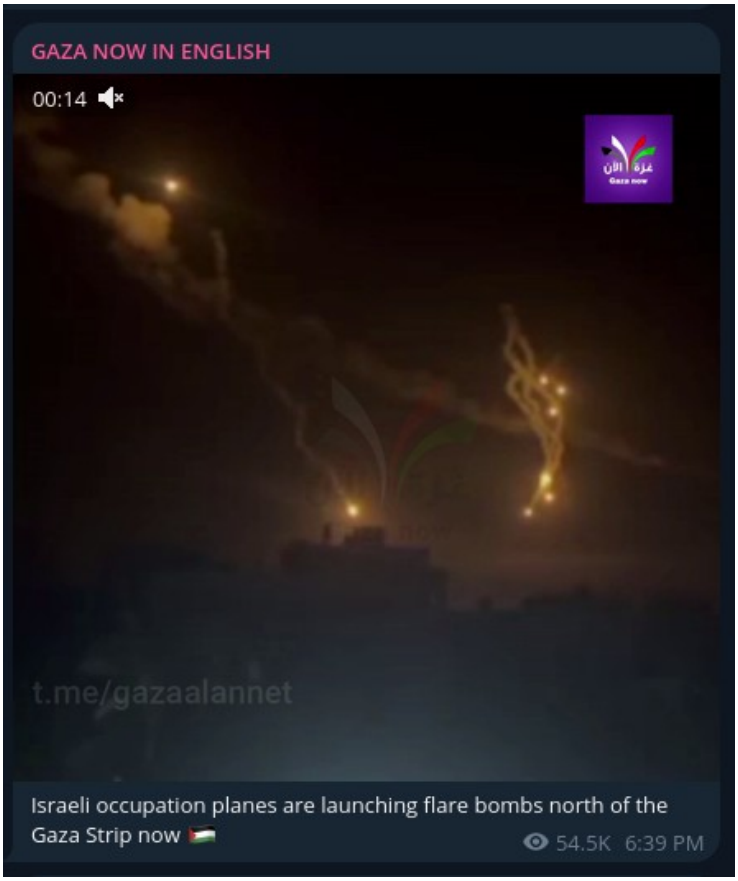
Former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and former US secretary of state Colin Powell speaks at the State Department in Washington, September 3, 2014. (Carolyn Kaster/AP)

The Nuclear Research Center NEGEV, located in Dimona. (screen capture: YouTube, via Channel 10)

According to a 2014 report by the Federation of American Scientists, however, the Jewish state is believed to possess between 80 and 400 nuclear weapons, though that document's authors estimated the figure was closer to 80.



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All my buddies over there want a deal. They've been trying for 12 years to get a deal. During my time French, Brits and Germans tried. I didn't join the effort and gave them encouragement. I don't trust Iranians----almost went to jail over IranContra. When I left they persuaded Condi to become a full fourth partner. Iranians were delighted. But no deal. Hillary four years, no deal. Kerry 2+ ??? They say, correctly, that they have every right to enrich for energy. Russians helped build a power reactor at Busher. Can't get enough sanctions to break them. Lots of bs around about their progress. Bibi likes to say "a year away," as do our intel guys. They say it every years. I ain't that easy to do.

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> (or less) – assuming they don't cheat. And then in 10 years, or less, they
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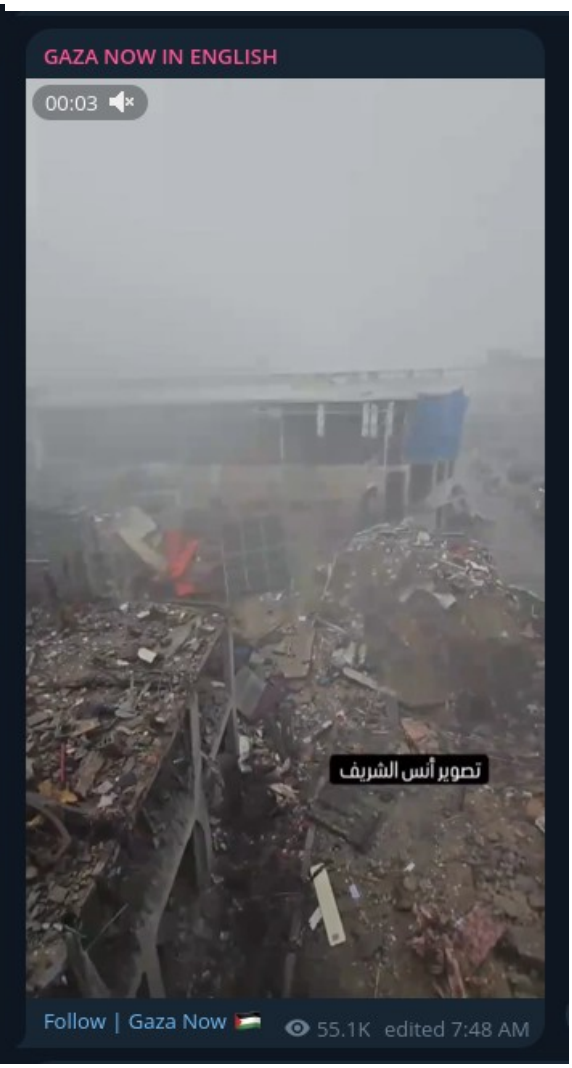
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Israel Opens Another 'Safe Passage' for Gazans to Move South

- Military continues to urge people to evacuate northern Gaza
- Aid trucks are in Egypt in case Rafah border temporarily opens

Palestinians flee from Gaza City to southern Gaza. *Photographer: Ahmad Salem/Bloomberg*

Israel announced another "safe corridor" in Gaza as it urges civilians to move to the south of the territory from the north, where it's concentrating the bulk of its military activities.

The Israel Defense Forces said it would "refrain from targeting a designated axis" between 8 a.m. and midday local time on Monday "to allow safe evacuation from north Gaza to the area south of Wadi Gaza and Khan Yunis."

Israel Latest: Biden Considers Israel Trip in Bid to Contain War

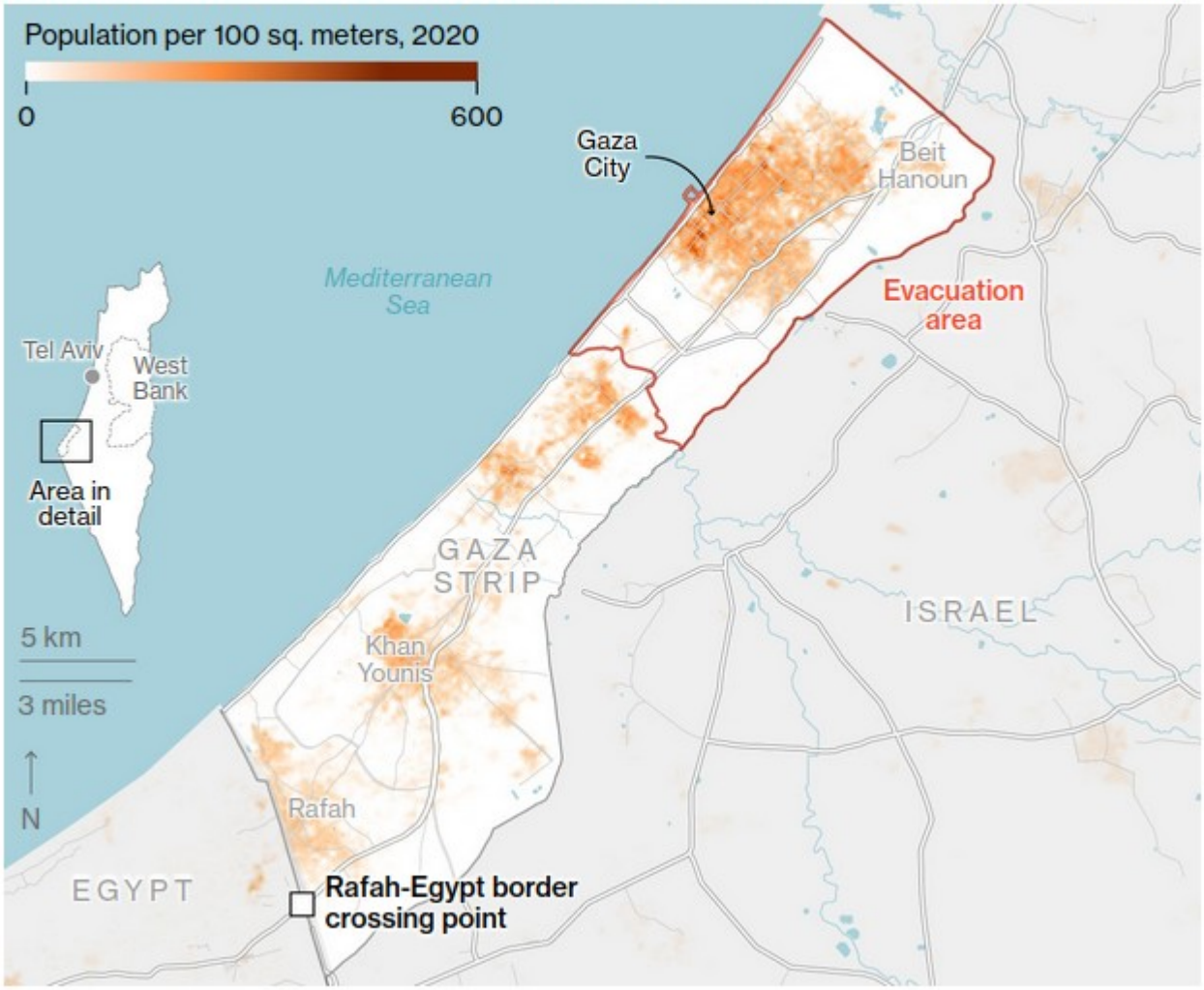
Israel has made similar daily announcements since Saturday. It's unclear if there will be another on Tuesday.

The military is urging civilians to move for their own safety and last night said that 600,000 people had left northern Gaza. Israel is blaming Hamas for trying to stop civilians evacuating. It has emphasized that the safe corridor does not amount to a ceasefire.

Over one million people, around half the total population of Gaza, have already been displaced, according to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency, which serves Palestinian refugees. It said 400,000 have taken refuge in UNRWA facilities, "much exceeding our capacity to assist in any meaningful way, including with space in our shelters, food, water or psychological support."

Area Ordered by Israeli Army to Relocate Is Home to Dense Population

Residents of northern Gaza were urged by Israel to move south of Wadi Gaza



Sources: Israel Defense Forces; European Commission, Global Human Settlement Layer

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Al-Shifa Hospital, after being given a one-hour ultimatum to evacuate medical teams, displaced individuals, and the wounded.

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Israel blocks entry of food and aid supplies, kills starving civilians in attempt to forcibly displace Palestinians from northern Gaza

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Geneva - Israel is deliberately deepening the catastrophic starvation crisis for all Gazans, Euro-Med Human Rights Monitor stated, by depriving them of food and basic necessities. The rights group said that obstructing the entry and distribution of humanitarian supplies, especially in Gaza City and the northern Strip, demonstrates Israel's aim of forcibly displacing the Palestinian people there.

Euro-Med Monitor contended that Israel has not only decreased the number of humanitarian aid trucks allowed into the Gaza Strip, but has undermined the distribution of aid and protection mechanisms as part of its plan to fully depopulate Gaza City and the northern Strip. Israel's aim, said the organisation, is to force the Palestinians to evacuate to the south under military violence, intimidation, and the use of starvation as a weapon.

In spite of increasing international pressure on Israel and its allies, as well as the International Court of Justice's decision to increase the entry of commercial supplies and life-saving aid—and to ensure their entry and distribution in a rapid, effective, and unhindered manner—February saw an average of just 98 trucks enter the Gaza Strip each day, which is roughly half the number of trucks that entered in January.

The number of trucks entering Gaza prior to 7 October 2023 was 500 per day, stressed Euro-Med Monitor, but the actual needs of the Gaza Strip's residents now exceed even this amount of foreign aid. This is because Israel has broadly targeted the population's most basic needs, plus the Strip's capabilities of internal domestic production. Israel has done this either by bombing and destroying or by cutting off all sources of production, said the rights group, including fuel, electricity, and raw materials, amid a total, brutal siege over the past five months. Additionally, the population of the Gaza Strip has more medical needs than ever before, particularly for the sick and injured, women, children, and the elderly. These needs are brought on by the massive number of daily casualties and injuries due to the Israeli military's attacks, the rapid spread of infectious diseases and epidemics, and absence of health staff due to the Israeli destruction, siege, and supply disruption.

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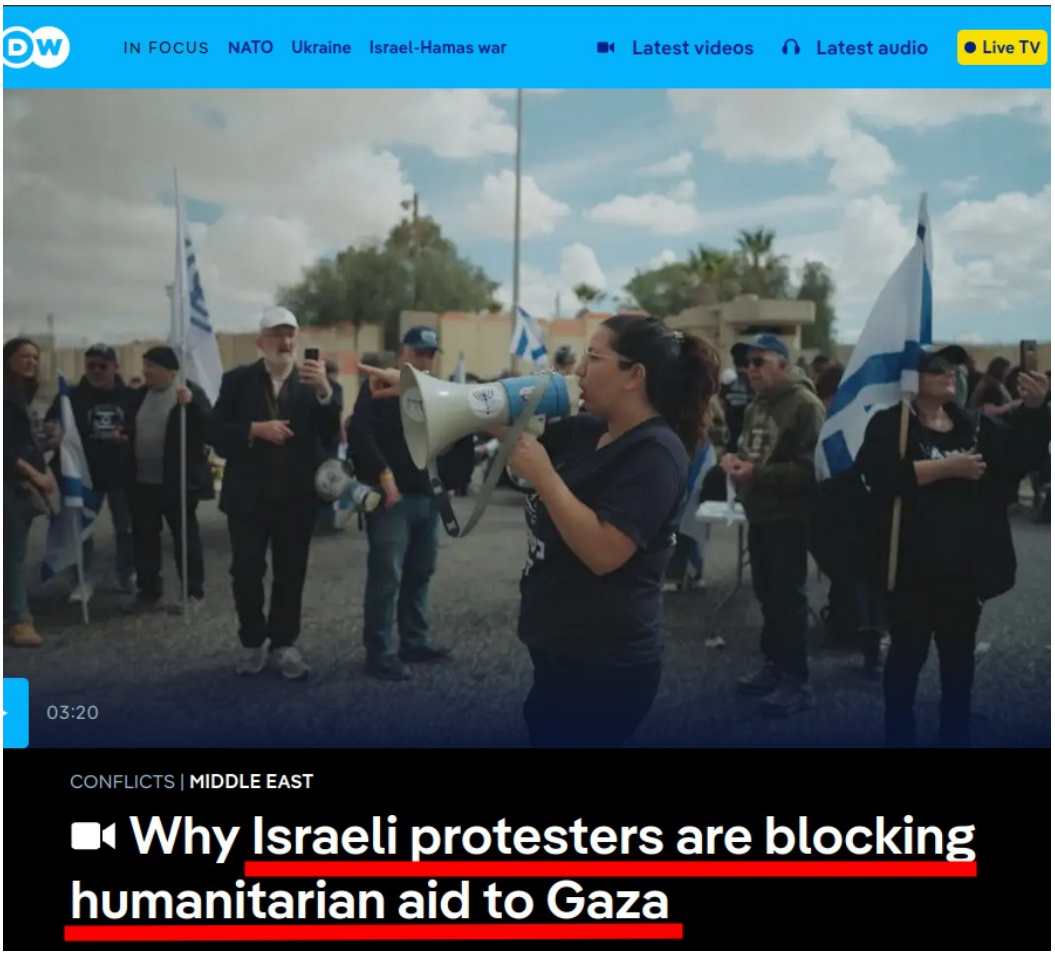

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Israeli families join together every week to head to the crossing with Gaza, where they block desperately needed humanitarian aid destined for Gaza.

During interviews, some of them openly express genocidal and religious motivations for blocking the aid, stating their support for starving Palestinians to death.

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A Palestinian collects flour mixed with sand from the ground to feed his children in the north of Gaza.

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Human Rights Watch says Israel is violating order from top U.N. court by blocking aid to Gazans

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RAFAH, Gaza Strip (AP) — Israel has failed to comply with an order by the United Nations' top court to provide urgently needed aid to desperate people in the Gaza Strip, Human Rights Watch said Monday, a month after a landmark ruling in The Hague ordered Israel to moderate its war.

In a preliminary response to a South African petition accusing Israel of genocide, the U.N.'s top court ordered Israel to do all it can to prevent death, destruction and any acts of genocide in Gaza. It stopped short of ordering an end to its military offensive that has triggered a humanitarian catastrophe in the tiny Palestinian enclave. Israel vehemently denies the charges against it, saying it is fighting a war in self-defense.

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Palestinians Eating Grass and Drinking Mud Water:

‘We are dying slowly:’ Palestinians are eating grass and drinking polluted water as famine looms across Gaza

By Sana Noor Haq and Rosa Rahimi, CNN

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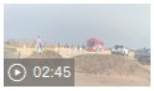

CNN video shows Palestinian detainees blindfolded and...

(CNN) — Hanadi Gamal Saed El Jamara, 38, says sleep is all that can distract her children from the aching hunger gnawing at their bellies.

These days, the mother-of-seven finds herself begging for food on the mud-caked streets of Rafah, in southern Gaza.

She tries to feed her kids at least once a day, she says, while tending to her husband, a cancer and diabetes patient.

“They are weak now, they always have diarrhea, their faces are yellow,” El Jamara, whose family was displaced from northern Gaza, told CNN on January 9. “My 17-year-old daughter tells me she feels dizziness, my husband is not eating.”

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Reports Israeli War Crimes by Palestinian Red Crescent Society:

"1. Civilian medical personnel shall be respected and protected."
- Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, and relating to the Protection of Victims of International Armed Conflicts (Protocol 1, 1977), Article 15.

"Civilian medical personnel shall have access to any place where their services are essential..."
- Protocol Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949, and relating to the Protection of Victims of International Armed Conflicts (Protocol 1, 1977), Article 15.

"Recognized National Red Cross (Red Crescent, Red Lion and Sun) Societies shall be able to pursue their activities in accordance with Red Cross Principles, as defined by the International Red Cross Conferences..."
- Geneva Convention Relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War (Fourth Geneva Convention, 1949), Article 63.

M.B. has been a devoted volunteer with PRCS for twenty (**20**) years. Throughout his voluntary service, M.B., alongside his fellow volunteers and staff, has faced numerous International Humanitarian Law (**IHL**) violations committed by Israeli Occupation Forces and settlers.

In **2022 alone**, M.B. experienced **14 violations** in **11** separate incidents. These breaches of IHL varied in nature, including **delay and denial of access to the sick and wounded** (**7 cases**), **threats with weapons** (**2 cases**), **exposure to tear gas** attacks (**2 cases**), an **attempted hit-and-run** (**1 case**), **detention** exceeding an hour (**1 case**), and **direct physical and verbal assault** (**1 case**).

On October 2, 2022- Two PRCS EMS officers, including M.B., were **physically and verbally assaulted** by more than five soldiers at an Israeli occupation military checkpoint. The PRCS officers were stopped for inspection and requested that the ambulance be searched in their presence, but the soldiers refused and proceeded to use physical force against them. Both PRCS officers sustained injuries and were **transferred to a hospital**, with one of them being unable to return to work for **40 days** due to the severity of his injuries. The incident was captured on video by a bystander and went viral on social media.

On October 14, 2022- during an emergency response to a family who had been beaten by Israeli settlers in Huwara, M.B. was **deliberately targeted and hit, while attending to the injured, by an Israeli settler's jeep.** Despite standing near the ambulance, the driver swerved towards M.B. with the clear intent of causing harm. The impact caused a minor injury to his shoulder, but he was fortunate enough to avoid more serious harm. This reprehensible incident highlights the extreme dangers and risks faced by emergency medical workers in the occupied Palestinian territory, where repeated violations by both Israeli occupation forces and settlers pose a threat to their safety and ability to provide essential services.

In **seven** separate incidents, M.B. and his colleagues were either **denied or delayed from accessing Palestinians who required medical attention.** In **two** of these incidents, they were **threatened with weapons** to force them to retreat. It is particularly concerning that some of these individuals were **critically injured** with live ammunition, making the delay in medical treatment even more critic. These incidents underscore the need for respect and protection for medical personnel, and the importance of unimpeded access to emergency medical services for all those in need, regardless of their background or circumstances, in accordance with international law.

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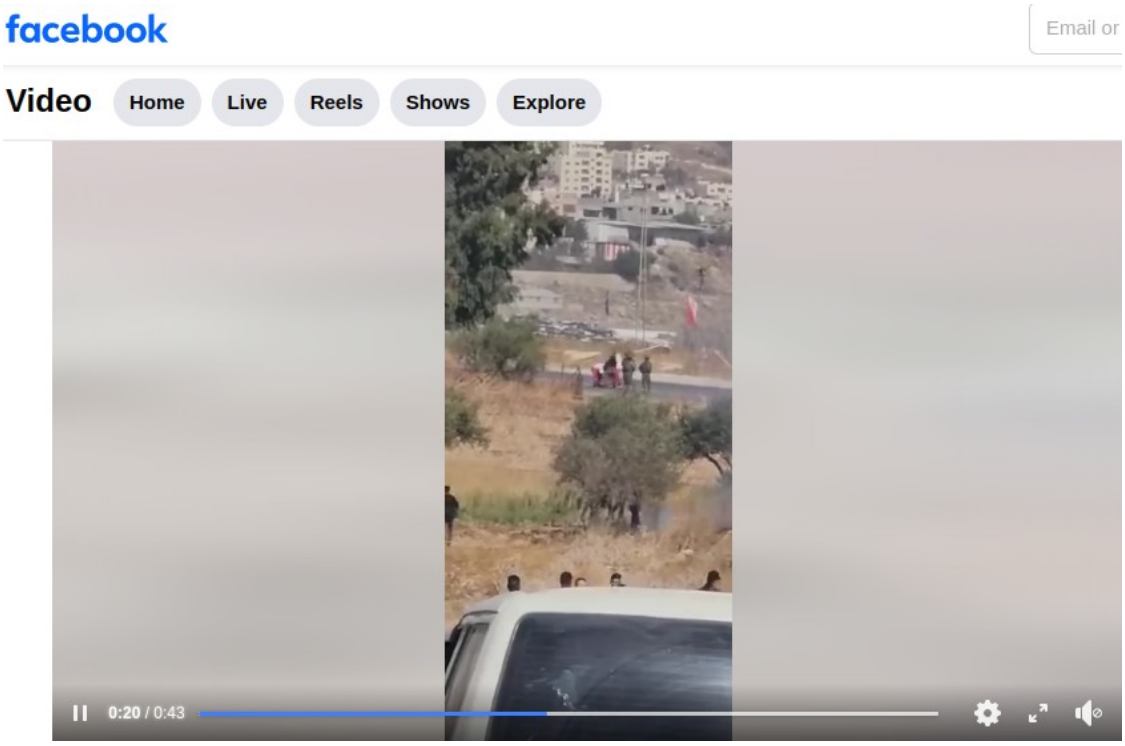

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CASES (VIOLATIONS AGAINST MEDICAL TEAMS)

2 October 2022, Beit Furik (Nablus)

Two PRCS EMS officers were pushed, kicked, and beaten by more than 5 Israeli soldiers after being stopped by an Israeli military checkpoint for inspection, as they insisted to have the ambulance searched on their sight As a result, both EMS officers sustained injuries and were transferred to the hospital, one of them was only able to return to work after 40 days. The incident was recorded by a bystander and went viral on social media.

"This attack had a significant impact on our mental health. We were shocked and scared. The attack came out of nowhere without any prior warning. We felt humiliated. If our work as health workers is not respected, if our PRCS vest and ambulance that display the red crescent emblem can be brutally attacked like this, what is left? This had a significant scar on my life. I still feel insecure and humiliated."

Testimony of one of the two EMTs that were attacked in Beit Furik.

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CASES (VIOLATIONS AGAINST AMBULANCES)

7 September 2022, Yatta (Hebron)

Israeli settlers tried to prevent PRCS medical crew from moving a wounded person into the ambulance. Moreover, after the crew successfully moved the injured person into the ambulance, the settlers damaged two of the ambulance's tires with knives while the EMS officer and the wounded person were inside the vehicle. Afterward, the injured person was arrested by Israeli occupation forces and moved to a military ambulance. The crew was compelled to drive the damaged ambulance for around 400 meters in a rough area to reach the main street and call somebody to help them replace the damaged tires.

4 March 2022, Bayt Dajan (Nablus)

Israeli occupation forces targeted a PRCS ambulance with rubber-coated bullets, smashing the rear windshield of the vehicle. As a result, the EMTs were injured in the hand and shoulder, and a wounded person inside the vehicle sustained another injury in the abdomen resulting from a rubber-coated bullet directed at the ambulance.

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Occupation Forces use PRCS ambulances as a shield for its soldiers

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The Palestine Red Crescent Society (PRCS) is shocked and saddened with the killing of their 4 medical team members and 2 transported injuries in Gaza Strip by the Israeli Occupation forces and calls on the international community to immediately act to protect PRCS medical missions

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The Palestine Red Crescent Society is shocked by the Israeli Occupation's direct targeting of a PRCS ambulance vehicle which has resulted in 6 killed , including 4 EMS crew members: Yusuf Abu Ma,mar, Fadi Fuad Al-Maani, Islam Abu Riyala, and Fuad Abu Khamash. 2 of the resulting killings were casualties being transported for urgent medical attention and This took place in spite of the fact that the medical mission was following the Safer Access Protocol with a visible PRCS emblem.

The systematic and continuous targeting of medical facilities, ambulance vehicles , personnel, the wounded and the sick in the Gaza Strip by the Israeli Occupation forces constitutes abhorrent breaches of international humanitarian law. Article 24 of the First Geneva Convention provides that medical personnel exclusively engaged in the search for, or the collection, transport or treatment of the wounded or sick shall be respected and protected in all circumstances. In addition, Article 11(1) of the Additional Protocol I to the Geneva Conventions also provides that medical transports shall be respected and protected at all times and that they shall not be subject of attack.

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PRCS Expresses Deep Concern over the Repeated Targeting of Al-Amal Hospital Compound by Israeli Occupation Forces, and Calls on the International Community to Provide Urgent Protection

4 January 2024- The Palestine Red Crescent Society (PRCS) expresses deep concerns for the safety of the teams working at Al-Amal Hospital and the PRCS headquarters in Khan Yunis, in addition to the IDPs who seeking safe refuge there, due to the repeated direct targeting of the PRCS Al-Amal Hospital Compound.

Over the past three days, Israeli Occupation Forces targeted several floors of the PRCS Compound. The last attack was this morning, Thursday- January 4th. Seven causalities among the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), including a 5-day old baby, and 11 persons were injured during the three days of bombardment. In addition, dozens of residential buildings and gatherings of citizens at the entrance of the hospital, and in its immediate vicinity, were targeted- which led to the killing and injury of dozens including those who were displaced at the PRCS compound.

In addition, the shelling resulted in the destruction of the transmitter station of the PRCS communications VHF, which is the only means of communication in the PRCS headquarters of Khan Yunis after the destruction of all means of communication in the Khan Yunis Governorate. The damage to the VHF communications system is a major obstacle to the response of ambulance crews to the wounded, the sick, and humanitarian cases.

The vicinity of the PRCS Al-Amal Hospital has been subjected to intense shelling for the past two weeks, which endangered the lives of thousands of IDPs. The displaced persons are living in an atmosphere of horror and panic. This has forced dozens of them to leave again this morning and yesterday, fearing for their lives after they took refuge in the PRCS as a safe place protected by international humanitarian law. Aware of the legal personality which the PRCS enjoys, IDPs consider our headquarters as a refuge and a haven for their families; however, the Israeli Occupation has further marginalized the protected persons and facilities through the recent attacks.

The intensification of the Occupation's targeting of the vicinity of Al-Amal Hospital during the past days further compromises the safety of the humanitarian space, which threatens the lives of thousands of displaced people and medical staff.

The Palestine Red Crescent Society appeals to the international community, to partners in the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, and to the UN system, to intervene immediately and to urgently protect PRCS Al-Amal Hospital Compound; and the medical staff, wounded, sick and around 14,000 displaced people. Protection must be afforded in accordance with international humanitarian law including the Geneva Conventions and their Additional Protocols.

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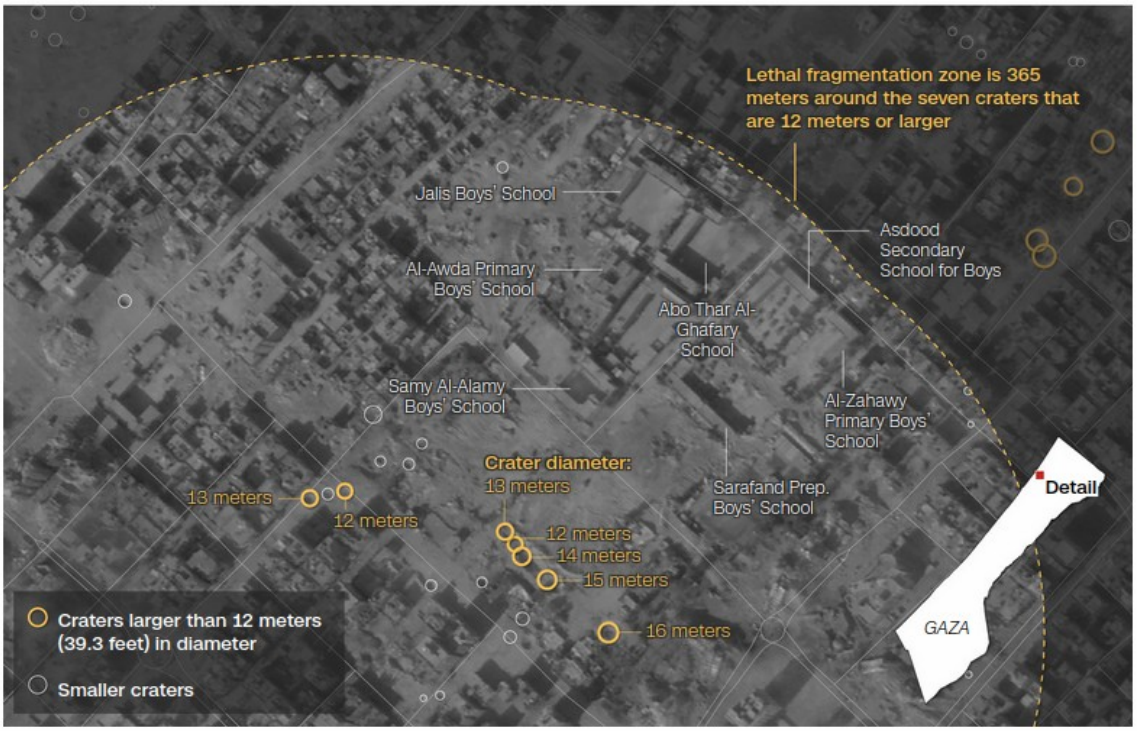
Seven schools sit within the lethal fragmentation zone of suspected large bombs

Seven craters consistent with 2,000-pound bombs were detected near seven schools in one area of northern Gaza. All the schools fall within the 365-meter (0.227-mile) lethal fragmentation zone — an area of exposure to injury or death — of the suspected bombs.



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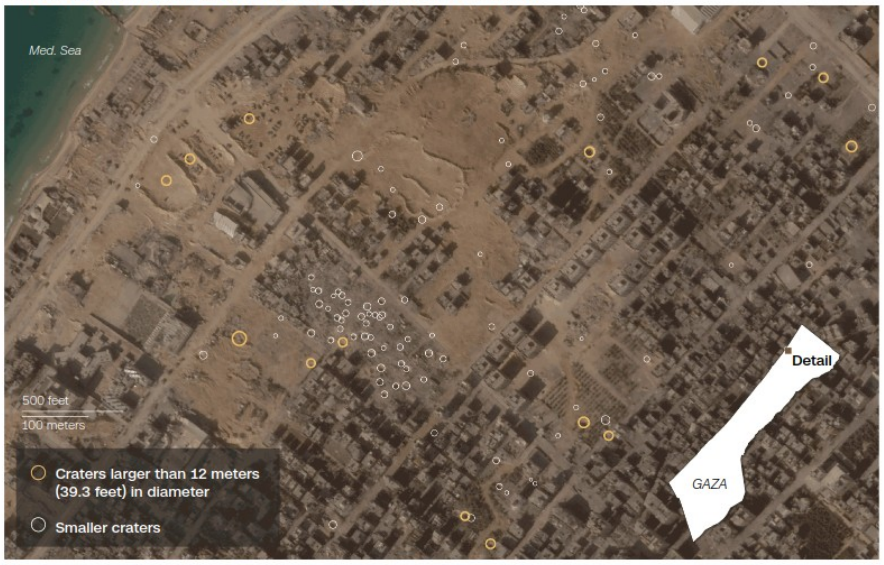
Dozens of craters detected just north of Beach Camp



Note: Some areas where craters were detected in previous images have since been razed, so some craters are not visible in this image. CNN and Synthetaic analyzed and isolated craters 12 meters in diameter and larger, which experts said are consistent with underground explosions produced by 2,000-pound bombs in the light soil found in Gaza. To account for a margin of error, conservative measurements were used in CNN's crater count.

Sources: Planet Labs (base map image captured Nov. 6), Synthetaic and CNN analysis of Planet Labs satellite imagery from Oct. 15, Oct. 22, Nov. 3 and Nov. 6, 2023.
Graphic: Renée Rigdon, CNN

Eye on Palestine

Gaza city's Deaf Children Center after being bombed and destroyed by Israeli occupation forces.
Atfaluna Society for Deaf Children: a non-profit organization endeavors to empower persons with disabilities and improve their quality of life within a disability-inclusive development framework.

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A man sits on debris as Palestinians conduct a search and rescue operation in Jabalya refugee camp in Gaza City, on November 1. Ali Jadallah/Anadolu/Getty Images

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"No Safe Ground..." - How Israel Used 2,000-Pound Bombs In Gaza: Reports

2,000-pound bombs have been blamed for the massive death toll in Gaza; authorities in the Hamas-controlled Strip said this week that over 20,000 people had died so far.

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A high-intensity offensive

For over two months, Israel has conducted a high-intensity war in Gaza, combining heavy aerial bombardment with relentless rounds of artillery fire, as well as a ground invasion that began on October 27.

The operation has wrought devastation that stretches across swathes of the besieged enclave, satellite imagery and video show.

"In two months, we've had about the level of strikes in this tiny little area in Gaza as what we saw in Mosul and Raqqa combined," said Larry Lewis, research director at the Center for Naval Analyses (CNA) and formerly the US State Department's senior adviser on civilian harm, referring to US-led coalition operations against two ISIS strongholds. "It is an incredible amount of strikes, period-wise."

The US dropped a 2,000-pound bomb only once during its fight against ISIS – the most recent Western war on a militant group in the Middle East. It fell on the so-called caliphate's self-declared capital of Raqqa in Syria.

On November 6 – the final day of CNN and Synthetaic's dataset – the death toll in Gaza surpassed 10,000 people, according to the Palestinian health ministry in Ramallah, citing authorities in Hamas-controlled Gaza.

Later that week, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs Barbara Leaf – the most senior American diplomat on the Middle East – said the death toll could be "even higher."

"In this period of conflict and the conditions of war, it is very difficult for any of us to assess what the rate of casualties are," said Leaf during a hearing before the House Foreign Affairs Committee. "We think they're very high, frankly. It could be even higher than are being cited."

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U.S. Supplies Bombs to Israel

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Israel's war on Gaza: How has the US extended military support to its biggest recipient

Since Oct. 7, US has dispatched thousands of tons of military equipment, provided intelligence support, sent warships to support Israel

Rabia Ali | 26.02.2024 - Update : 27.02.2024

World

Canada to resume funding for UN Agency for Palestinian Refugees

Pentagon says it would take up to 60 days to construct floating aid pier in Gaza

By December, the US had sent 230 cargo planes and 20 ships loaded with weapons and military equipment to Israel.

A report by the Wall Street Journal in December said that munitions sent by the US to Israel comprise more than 5,400 MK84 bombs and 5,000 unguided MK82 bombs.

It also shares details of 1,000 GBU-39 small-diameter bombs, and some 3,000 joint direct attack munitions (JDAM).

Consisting of approximately 15,000 bombs and 57,000 artillery shells, the artillery had been sent through C-17 military cargo planes, according to the Wall Street Journal.

Earlier this month, the US was reported by media outlets to be dispatching more bombs and other munitions to Israel.

The proposed armed delivery includes about 1,000 each of MK-82 500-pound (227-kilogram) bombs and KMU-572 Joint Direct Attack Munitions (JDAMs), which can turn unguided munitions into precision-guided bombs, Al Jazeera said citing the Wall Street Journal.

According to the report, the US is also considering sending FMU-139 bomb fuses, with the total shipment estimated to be worth tens of millions of dollars.

The US has provided roughly 21,000 precision-guided munitions to Israel since October, according to media reports.

Other types of munitions and weapons also include tens of thousands of 155mm artillery shells, thousands of bunker-buster munitions and 200 kamikaze drones.

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Israel – Munitions

WASHINGTON, December 20, 2012 – The Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress Dec. 14 of a correction to a possible Foreign Military Sale to Israel of 6,900 Joint Direct Attack Munitions (JDAM) tail kits and associated equipment, parts, training and logistical support for an estimated cost of $647 million.

In a release of Dec. 10, the primary contractors were misidentified. They are correctly identified below.

The Government of Israel has requested a possible sale of 6,900 Joint Direct Attack Munitions (JDAM) tail kits (which include 3,450 JDAM Anti-Jam KMU-556 (GBU-31) for MK-84 warheads; 1,725 KMU-557 (GBU-31) for BLU-109 warheads and 1,725 KMU-572 (GBU-38) for MK-82 warheads); 3,450 MK-84 2000 lb General Purpose Bombs; 1,725 MK-82 500 lb General Purpose Bombs; 1,725 BLU-109 Bombs; 3,450 GBU-39 Small Diameter Bombs; 11,500 FMU-139 Fuses; 11,500 FMU-143 Fuses; and 11,500 FMU-152 Fuses. Also included are spare and repair parts, support equipment, personnel training and training equipment, publications and technical documentation, U.S. Government and contractor engineering and technical support, and other related elements of program support. The estimated cost is $647 million.

The United States is committed to the security of Israel, and it is vital to U.S. national interests to assist Israel to develop and maintain a strong and ready self-defense capability. This proposed sale is consistent with those objectives.

The proposed sale of munitions will enable Israel to maintain operational capability of its existing systems. Israel, which already has these munitions in its inventory, will have no difficulty absorbing these additional munitions into its armed forces.

Sale of U.S. Mk 84 Munitions to Israel: https://www.dsca.mil/press-media/major-arms-sales/israel-munitions

Mark 84 bomb

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The **Mark 84** or **BLU-117**[7] is a 2,000 pound (907 kg) American general-purpose bomb. It is the largest of the Mark 80 series of weapons. Entering service during the Vietnam War, it became a commonly used US heavy unguided bomb (due to the amount of high-explosive content packed inside) to be dropped. At the time, it was the third largest bomb by weight in the US inventory behind the 15,000-pound (6,800 kg) BLU-82 "Daisy Cutter" and the 3,000-pound (1,400 kg) M118 "demolition" bomb. It is currently sixth in size due to the addition of the 5,000 lb (2,300 kg) GBU-28 in 1991, the 22,600 lb (10,300 kg) GBU-43/B Massive Ordnance Air Blast bomb (MOAB) in 2003, and the 30,000 lb (14,000 kg) Massive Ordnance Penetrator.

Mark 84 General Purpose bomb

Type	Low-drag general-purpose bomb
Place of origin	United States
Service history	

Mark 84 General Purpose bomb	
Type	Low-drag general-purpose bomb
Place of origin	United States
Service history	
In service	Since 1950s
Production history	
Manufacturer	General Dynamics Ordnance and Tactical Systems
Unit cost	US$16,000
Variants	GBU-10 Paveway II GBU-15 GBU-24 Paveway III GBU-31 JDAM
Specifications	
Mass	1,971 lb (894 kg)
Length	12 ft 7 in (3.84 m)
Diameter	18 in (460 mm)
Filling	Tritonal, H6 or PBXN-109
Filling weight	944 lb (428 kg)
References	Janes[1][2][3][4][5] & *The War Zone*[6]

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Use & Effects Radius of 2000lb Aircraft Bomb:

Figure 2.
Effects radii for a 2,000lb aircraft bomb

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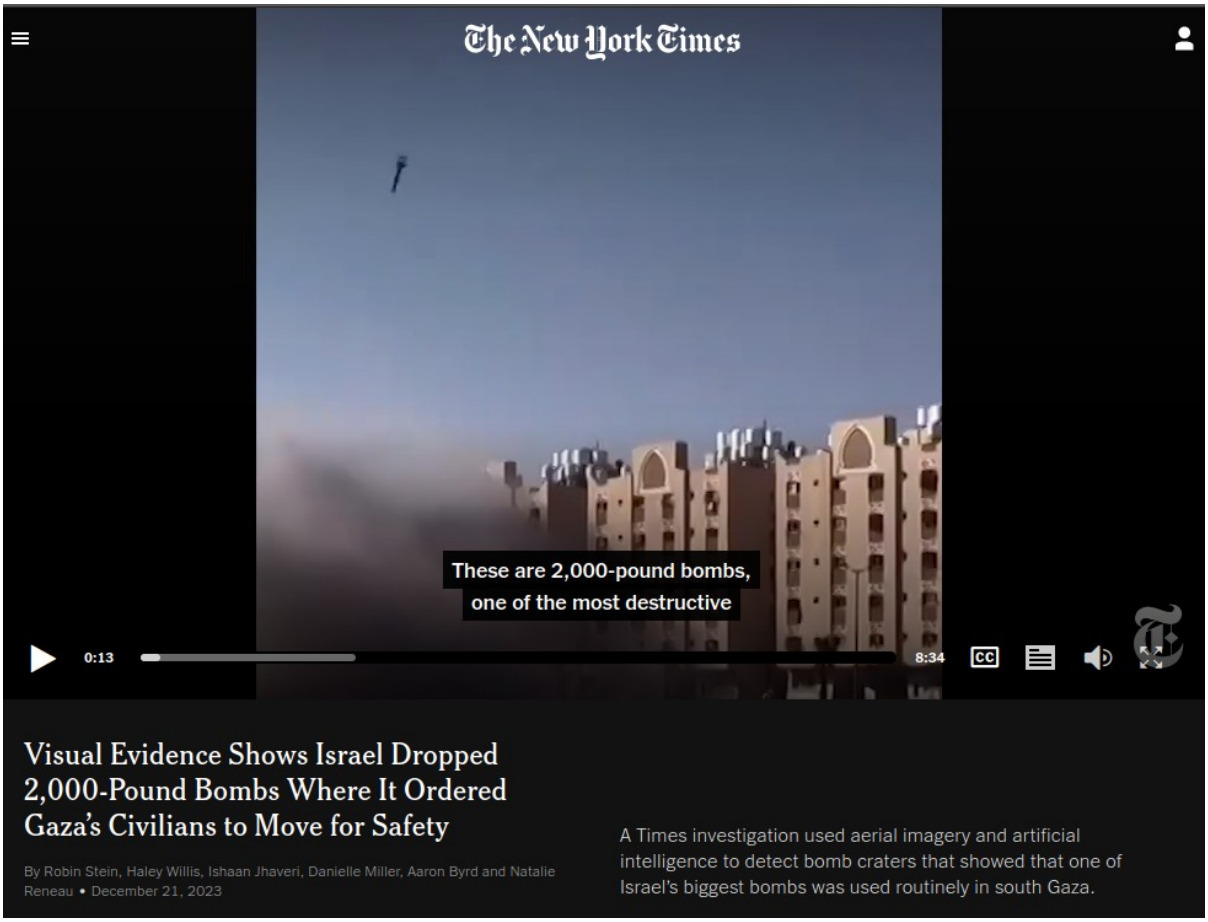

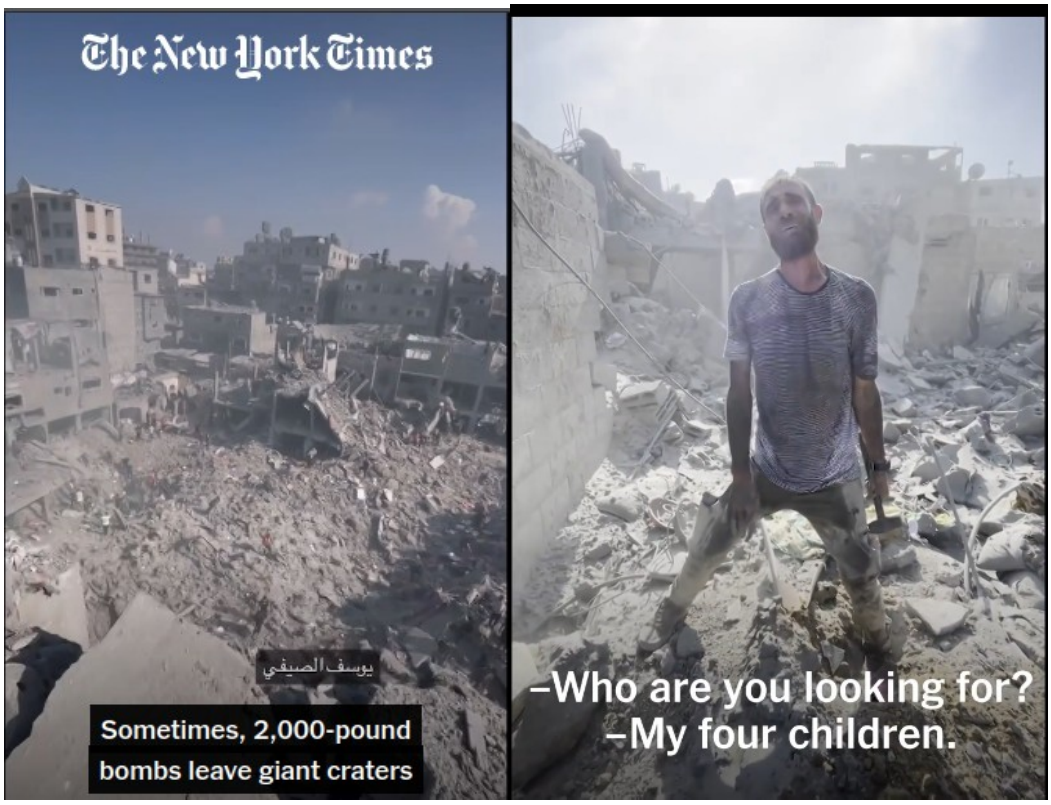

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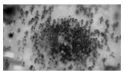
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'Not seen since Vietnam': Israel dropped hundreds of 2,000-pound bombs on Gaza, analysis shows

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(CNN) — In the first month of its war in Gaza, Israel dropped hundreds of massive bombs, many of them capable of killing or wounding people more than 1,000 feet away, analysis by CNN and artificial intelligence company Synthetaic suggests.

Satellite imagery from those early days of the war reveals more than 500 impact craters over 12 meters (40 feet) in diameter, consistent with those left behind by 2,000-pound bombs. Those are four times heavier than the largest bombs the United States dropped on ISIS in Mosul, Iraq, during the war against the extremist group there.

Weapons and warfare experts blame the extensive use of heavy munitions such as the 2,000-pound bomb for the soaring death toll. The population of Gaza is packed together much more tightly than almost anywhere else on earth, so the use of such heavy munitions has a profound effect.

"The use of 2,000-pound bombs in an area as densely populated as Gaza means it will take decades for communities to recover," said John Chappell, advocacy and legal fellow at CIVIC, a DC-based group focused on minimizing civilian harm in conflict.

"When you use a weapon so close to a civilian building, it is impossible to remove the chance of damage from the weapon. It is going to get hit by something," said Garlasco.

On the sixth day of its offensive, the Israeli Air Force said in a tweet that it had dropped 6,000 munitions since the start of the war, averaging 1,000 bombs a day. On December 10, Israel's military said that it had attacked more than 22,000 targets in Gaza.

https://edition.cnn.com/2023/12/13/politics/intelligence-assessment-dumb-bombs-israel-gaza/index.html

Flour Massacre

Carnage at Gaza food aid site amid Israeli gunfire. Here's what we know

By Rob Picheta, Abeer Salman and Jeremy Diamond, CNN

9 minute read · Updated 7:42 AM EST, Sat March 2, 2024

104 civilians killed trying to access food aid trucks in Gaza, according to Palestinian Ministry of Health in Gaza

03:09 - Source: CNN

(CNN) — Calls are growing for an investigation into one of the worst single tragedies to occur during Israel's war with Hamas took, after scores of Palestinians were killed trying to access food aid in Gaza City on Thursday.

At least 112 people were killed and 760 injured in an incident where Israel Defense Forces (IDF) troops used live fire as hungry and desperate Palestinian civilians were gathering around food aid trucks, according to the Palestinian Ministry of Health in Gaza. CNN is unable to independently confirm these numbers.

The incident took place amid a backdrop of vast hunger and dire poverty in the besieged enclave, where food aid has been so rare as to frequently elicit panic when it arrives.

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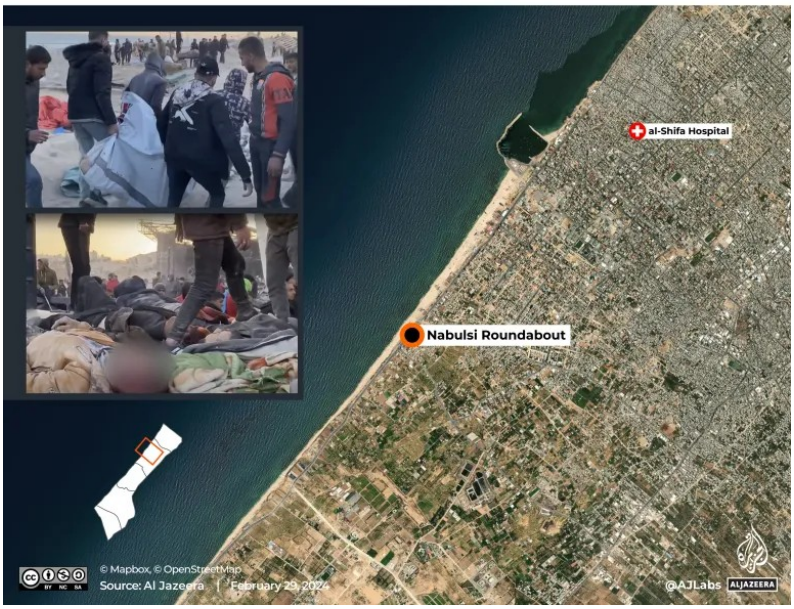
ISRAEL'S WAR ON GAZA

Deadly attack on Gaza aid seekers

More than 100 Palestinians have been killed and at least 750 people were wounded when Israeli forces fired on a group waiting for food trucks near the Nabulsi Roundabout on coastal al-Rashid Street, southwest of Gaza City.



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UN sees 'large number of gunshot wounds' after Israel's 'flour massacre'

UN team, medics and rights monitor say evidence points to heavy shooting by Israeli forces after massacre near Gaza aid convoy.

2 Mar 2024

A United Nations team and medical officials have reported seeing “a large number” of gunshot wounds among Palestinians in Gaza after Israeli troops opened fire near an aid convoy, which has triggered global condemnation and calls for justice.

Their claims confirm numerous testimonies by witnesses that Israeli gunfire killed and wounded scores of Palestinians desperately seeking food aid on Thursday, contradicting Israel’s initial claims people were hurt due to a stampede and trampling.

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At least 117 Palestinians were killed and more than 750 wounded during the “flour massacre” at the Nabulsi Roundabout on the southwestern side of Gaza City, after Israeli troops opened fire on the crowd.

What happened and when?

The incident unfolded at about 04:30 local time (02:30 GMT) on Thursday, when people congregated at Harun al-Rashid Street in Gaza, where aid trucks carrying flour were believed to be on the way.

A convoy of aid trucks passed through the checkpoint, heading north, as people started gathering in large groups. According to the Israeli military, a convoy of 31 trucks entered Gaza but nearly 20 entered the north on Monday and Tuesday.

As people gathered in large groups waiting for much-needed aid, they were shot at by all kinds of military equipment, Al Jazeera’s Hani Mahmoud, reported from Rafah. According to a report by the Associated Press, people pulled boxes of flour and canned goods off the trucks.

After the first round of shooting stopped, people returned to the trucks, only for the soldiers to open fire once more.

“After opening fire, Israeli tanks advanced and ran over many of the dead and injured bodies,” Al Jazeera’s Ismail al-Ghoul said, reporting from the scene.

"We had come here to get our hands on some aid. I have waiting since noon yesterday. At about 4:30 in the early morning trucks started to trickle in. The Israelis just opened random fire on us as if it was a trap. Once we approached the aid trucks, the Israeli tanks and warplanes started firing on us," a witness at the scene told Al Jazeera.

Witnesses said that the stampede happened as a result of Israeli firing and that the trucks also rolled over wounded people, adding to the death toll. Al Jazeera has verified that donkey carts were used to take people to hospital because no ambulances could reach the area.

"We were going to bring flour … then Israeli snipers shot at us," another person in the area told Al Jazeera. "They shot me in the leg. I'm unable to stand up," he added.

https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2024/3/2/un-reports-large-number-of-gunshot-wounds-following-flour-massacre

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The aftermath of the extensive destruction that befell a residential square in the Tel al-Zaatar area of Jabalia camp.

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Casualties among innocent Palestinian children in Israeli airstrikes in Khan Yunis, south of the Gaza Strip.

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Grieving mothers in #Gaza say goodbye to their children, murdered by Israeli airstrikes. 🇵🇸

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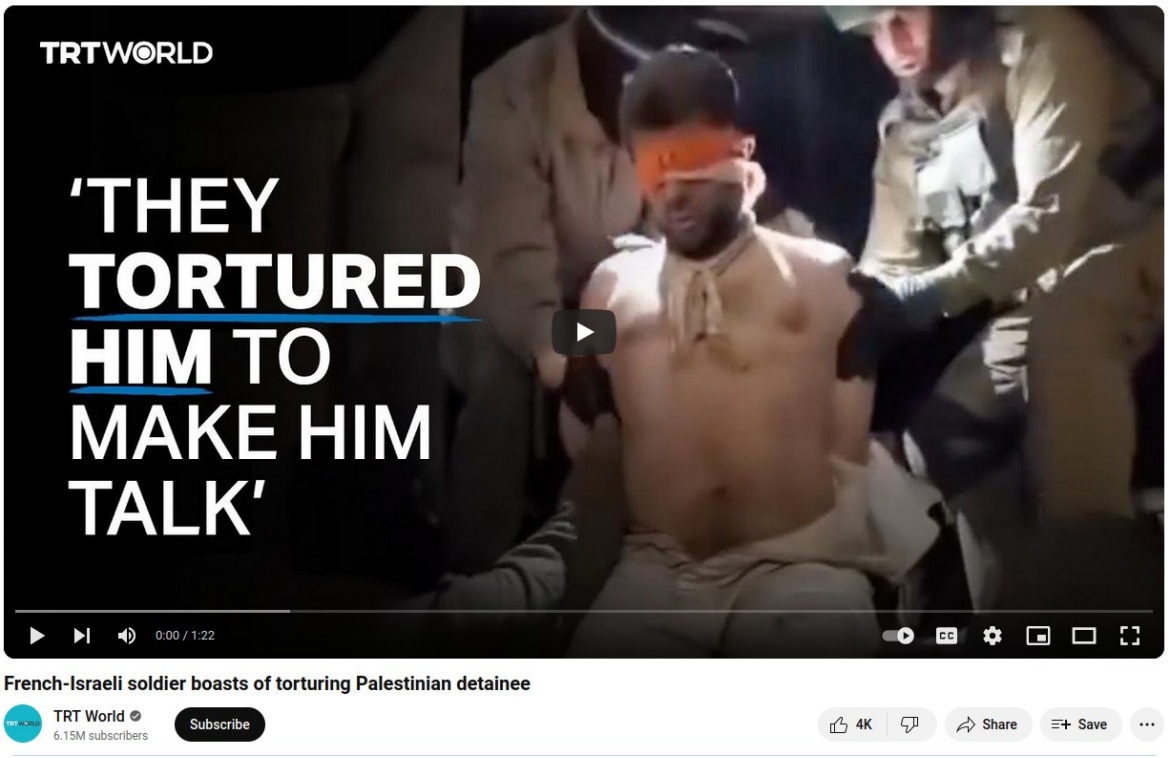
Israeli Mass Arrests & Torture



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Iron bars, electric shocks, dogs and cigarette burns: How Palestinians are tortured in Israeli detention

Ahmed Aziz, Lubna Masarwa and Simon Hooper

A man awaits treatment at Rafah's al-Najjar hospital after being returned to Gaza from Israeli detention in December 2023 (Said Khatib/AFP)

'The soldiers would kick me on all parts of my body. Imagine yourself naked, handcuffed on the floor with five or six soldiers kicking you with their boots, hitting you with weapons and bats'

- *Omar Mahmoud Abdel Qader Samoud*

https://www.middleeasteye.net/news/iron-bars-electric-shocks-dogs-and-cigarette-burns-how-palestinians-are-tortured-israeli-detention

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BREAKING| Farouq Khateeb from Ramallah, West Bank, has been released from an Israeli jail. The photos show him before and after being kidnapped by Israeli forces.

Farouq was kidnapped 3 months ago and detained under administrative detention, without charge or trial.

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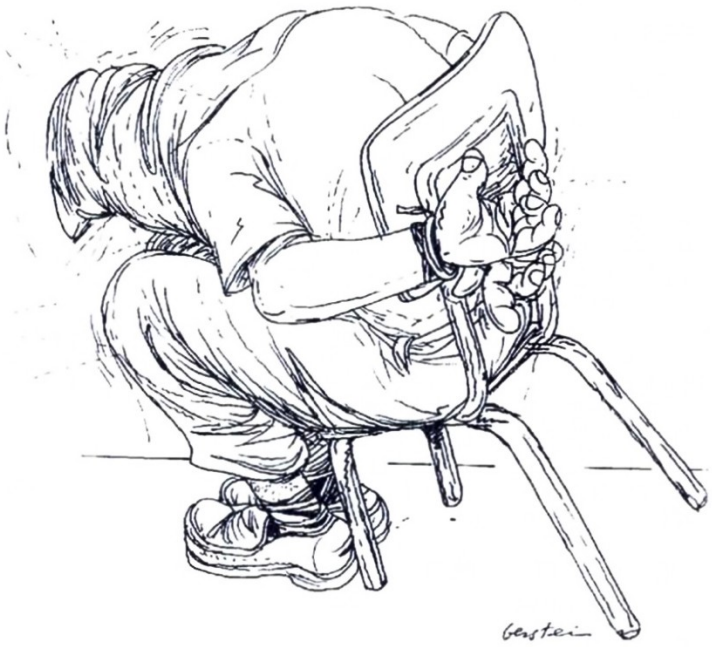
Eye on Palestine

disturbing photo of bound, almost naked, Palestinian abductees in the Gaza Strip, there are old people and minors. Posted to Instagram on January 25th by an Israeli soldier. 21.4K 6:35 AM



"Regular Shabeh"

"Standing Shabeh"

‘THE FLOOR OF THE ROOM WAS COVERED IN BLOOD’

Faiz Zbedeiat was talking on the phone about 20 feet away from a protest in Nazareth. The moment the 21-year-old student hung up the phone, Israeli police threw a stun grenade into the street. An officer then charged at him and punched him in the nose. Zbedeiat was soon encircled by police who grabbed him, hit him, and pushed him toward a Border Police officer who tried to slam his head against a wall.

“I asked why they were hitting me when I’m not resisting,” Zbedeiat said. “I put my hands behind my back even though they didn’t handcuff me. Nevertheless, the same Border Police officer hit me in the nose with the walkie-talkie that he was holding.”

The officers dragged Zbedeiat by his head to the police station, beating him along the way.

“On the way, we met a policeman who appeared to be an officer, and he started laughing and said to them: ‘Did you only arrest him? That’s not enough. We need more,’” Zbedeiat said.

The beating continued inside the police station. Cops kicked, slapped, and hit detainees with batons, laughing as they struck them.

Zbedeiat detailed how one officer smacked detainees with an M-16 rifle. He watched as one man with a broken nose — face covered in blood — was continuously hit by officers. Then Zbedeiat described his own treatment:

> *“A police officer approached me and whispered in my ear, threatening me. He cursed my mother, my sister, and my wife. He then asked, ‘Did you understand?’ I didn’t answer, and he immediately slapped me in the face. He asked me again: ‘Do you understand?’ I still didn’t answer and he slapped me again in the face. Finally, he said ‘Go explain to your friends.’ He pushed me back down to the floor and hit me again.”*

https://www.mintpressnews.com/palestinian-protesters-recount-harrowing-details-of-torture-at-the-hands-of-israeli-police/277787/

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Israeli occupation soldiers arrested an unarmed young Palestinian civilian and tortured him in all forms and tried to cut off his ears and fingers with a knife. He was found on the Gaza border after they left him bleeding alone.
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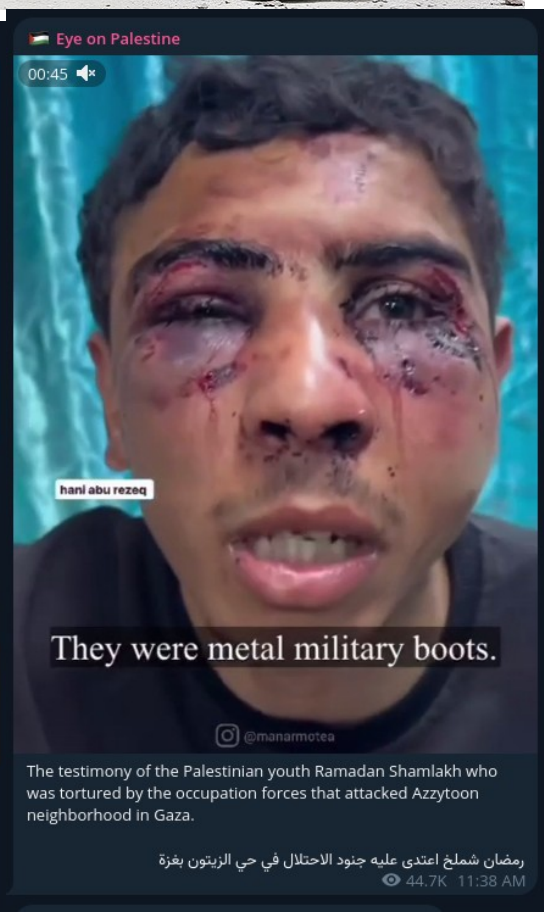
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The testimony of the Palestinian youth Ramadan Shamlakh who was tortured by the occupation forces that attacked Azzytoon neighborhood in Gaza.
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"They brought Israeli civilians to watch our nude torture": IDF torture of Palestinian prisoners is turned into entertainment for Israeli viewers [EN/AR]

News and Press Release • **Source:** Euro-Med Monitor • **Posted:** 12 Feb 2024 • **Originally published:** 12 Feb 2024 • **Origin:** View original

Geneva - The Israeli army introduced groups of Israeli civilians into detention centres and prisons holding Palestinian prisoners and detainees from the Gaza Strip, permitting the civilians to witness torture crimes against the detainees, with many allowed to film them on their own phones.

Euro-Med Human Rights Monitor received shocking testimonies from recently released Palestinian prisoners and detainees, in which they reported that the Israeli army invited a number of Israeli civilians during their interrogation sessions to witness torture and inhumane treatment, to which they were deliberately subjected in the presence of the civilians.

According to testimony received by Euro-Med Monitor, groups of ten to twenty Israeli civilians at a time were permitted to watch and laughingly film Palestinian prisoners and detainees in their underwear while Israeli army soldiers subjected them to physical abuse, including beating them with metal batons, electric sticks, and pouring hot water on their heads. The detainees were also verbally abused.

This is the first time that these illegal practices have come to the attention of Euro-Med Monitor. It adds a new crime to the list of those committed by the Israeli army against Palestinians in the Gaza Strip, and specifically against prisoners and detainees who are subjected to cruel torture, enforced disappearances, arbitrary arrests, and denials of a fair trial, among other atrocities.

Palestinian Omar Abu Mudallala, 43, told the Euro-Med Monitor team: "I was arrested at the checkpoint set up near the Kuwait roundabout, which separates Gaza City from the central region, as part of the Israeli random arrest campaigns. I was subjected to all types of torture and abuse for approximately 52 days," pointing out that Israeli soldiers "brought Israeli civilians to watch our nude torture."

https://reliefweb.int/report/occupied-palestinian-territory/they-brought-israeli-civilians-watch-our-nude-torture-idf-torture-palestinian-prisoners-turned-entertainment-israeli-viewers-enar

ISRAEL DENIES WHAT IT CALLS GENERAL, UNSUBSTANTIATED CLAIMS

UN torture expert probing alleged Israeli mistreatment of Palestinian detainees

Dr. Alice Jill Edwards says she also raised Hamas atrocities with the Palestinian mission in Geneva and received a 'disappointing' reply that showed no empathy for the victims

By **REUTERS** and **TOI STAFF**

8 March 2024, 4:54 pm

A Palestinian security prisoner gestures among supporters and relatives after being released from an Israeli jail in exchange for Israeli hostages freed by Hamas from the Gaza Strip, in Ramallah, the West Bank on November 28, 2023. (Kenzo TRIBOUILLARD / AFP)

The United Nations expert on torture said on Friday she was investigating allegations of torture and mistreatment of Palestinian detainees in Israel and was in talks to visit the country.

Speaking to Reuters on the sidelines of the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva, Dr. Alice Jill Edwards said she had recently received allegations of torture and ill-treatment of Palestinians being detained in the West Bank or as a result of the conflict in Gaza, where Israel is fighting the ruling Palestinian Hamas terrorist organization.

"I'm looking into that as we speak and carrying out a fact-finding investigation," said Edwards, the UN Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

"I'm calling on ... Hamas, the state of Palestine, Israel to put their torture tools down, to really have a focus on peace and a prospect of living side-by-side as neighbors in the future."

The Israeli diplomatic mission in Geneva confirmed that it had received Edwards' request to visit Israel, which was passed on to Jerusalem for further consideration.

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The UN human rights office says it has received numerous reports of mass detention, ill-treatment, and enforced disappearance of Palestinians in northern Gaza by the Israeli military, and has recorded the arrests of thousands in the West Bank.

https://www.timesofisrael.com/un-torture-expert-probing-alleged-israeli-mistreatment-of-palestinian-detainees/

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Torture and other ill-treatment

Israeli forces continued to subject Palestinian detainees to torture and other ill-treatment. As in previous years, the internal investigation unit of the police, Mahash, failed to properly investigate complaints of torture. On 24 November, the Beersheba District Court extended, by four months, the solitary confinement of Ahmad Manasra, imprisoned as a 13-year-old in 2015 and held in solitary confinement since November 2021, an act that amounts to torture. The same court had rejected in September his appeal for early release on medical grounds despite his severe mental health condition.

https://www.amnesty.org/en/location/middle-east-and-north-africa/israel-and-occupied-palestinian-territories/report-israel-and-occupied-palestinian-territories/

Israel/OPT: Horrifying cases of torture and degrading treatment of Palestinian detainees amid spike in arbitrary arrests

Israeli authorities have dramatically increased their use of administrative detention, a form of arbitrary detention, of Palestinians across the occupied West Bank; extended emergency measures that facilitate inhuman and degrading treatment of prisoners; and failed to investigate incidents of torture and death in custody over the past four weeks, Amnesty International said today.

Since 7 October, Israeli forces have detained more than 2,200 Palestinian men and women, according to the Palestinian Prisoners' Club. According to Israeli human rights organization HaMoked between 1 October and 1 November, the total number of Palestinians held in administrative detention, without charge or trial, rose from 1,319 to 2,070.

Testimony from released detainees and human rights lawyers, as well as video footage and images illustrate some of the forms of torture and other ill-treatment prisoners have been subjected to by Israeli forces over the past four weeks. These include severe beatings and humiliation of detainees, including by forcing them to keep their heads down, to kneel on the floor during inmate count, and to sing Israeli songs.

> **“The beating to the rest of my body did not stop, at one point he started jumping on my back – three or four times – while yelling ‘die, die you trash’ … in the end before this finally stopped, another officer urinated on my face and body while also yelling at us ‘to die’.**
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> **A victim attacked by Israeli settlers and military in East Ramallah**

Torture and humiliation

Amnesty International has for decades documented widespread torture by Israeli authorities in places of detention across the West Bank. However, over the past four weeks, videos and images have been shared widely online showing gruesome scenes of Israeli soldiers beating and humiliating Palestinians while detaining them blind-folded, stripped, with their hands tied, in a particularly chilling public display of torture and humiliation of Palestinian detainees.

In one image analysed by Amnesty International's Crisis Evidence Lab, three Palestinian men, blindfolded and stripped of their clothes can be seen beside a soldier, wearing a green olive uniform like those worn by the Israeli ground forces. A Haaretz investigation published on 19 October found that the image was taken in Wadi al-Seeq, a village East of Ramallah, on 12 October. One of the three victims depicted in the photograph told Amnesty International that he had initially been held and beaten by settlers but two hours later an Israeli military jeep arrived:

"One of the Israeli officers who came, approached me and kicked me on my left side, then jumped on my head with his two legs pushing my face further into the dirt and then continued kicking me as I was head down, into the dirt, with my hands tied behind my back. He then got a knife and tore all of my clothes off except for my underwear and used part of my torn clothes to blindfold me. The beating to the rest of my body did not stop, at one point he started jumping on my back – three or four times – while yelling 'die, die you trash' … in the end before this finally stopped, another officer urinated on my face and body while also yelling at us 'to die'."

https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/news/2023/11/israel-opt-horrifying-cases-of-torture-and-degrading-treatment-of-palestinian-detainees-amid-spike-in-arbitrary-arrests/

See also: https://www.amnesty.org/en/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/mde150402008en.pdf

Israeli torture of Palestinian children in the prison in outdoor cages, even during the winter is reportedly a common practice

Dozens of Palestinian detainees at an Israeli detention facility have been subjected to mistreatment, and in some cases torture, two Israeli human rights groups alleged on Wednesday.

The report was released at a time of heightened violence. In new bloodshed Wednesday, Israeli troops accidentally shot and killed a fellow soldier as they thwarted a Palestinian stabber in the West Bank, the military said.

The report by the B'Tselem and HaMoked rights groups presented accounts by 116 Palestinian detainees on conditions at the Shikma interrogation facility run by the Israeli Shin Bet internal security agency.

https://yalibnan.com/2016/02/24/dozens-of-palestinian-detainees-abused-israeli-rights-groups-say/

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ISRAELI TERRORISTS recorded themselves dragging a dead Palestinian body by a rope on their car.
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"They tied them up, shrouded them alive, put them in a pit, killed them en masse, and buried them."
The Israeli occupation executes 30 Palestinians in the northern Gaza Strip 🇵🇸

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The genocidal war committed by the "Israeli occupation" against civilian children and women in Gaza continues before the eyes of the world 🇵🇸

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"He went to my dad.. pray for him to rest in peace." - A child consoling her brother on the loss of another brother after their father in Gaza. 🇵🇸
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The Israeli media describes the Israeli army's killing of nine Palestinian children recently in Deir al-Balah in the central Gaza Strip as "little pigs that will grow like all of Nazi Gaza."

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The Israeli occupation kills a large number of citizens who were waiting to receive humanitarian aid on Al-Rashid Street, west of Gaza City.... They were martyred with empty stomachs 🇵🇸

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A number of Palestinians were killed by an Israeli air strike that targeted them in Bani Suhaila, east of Khan Younis.

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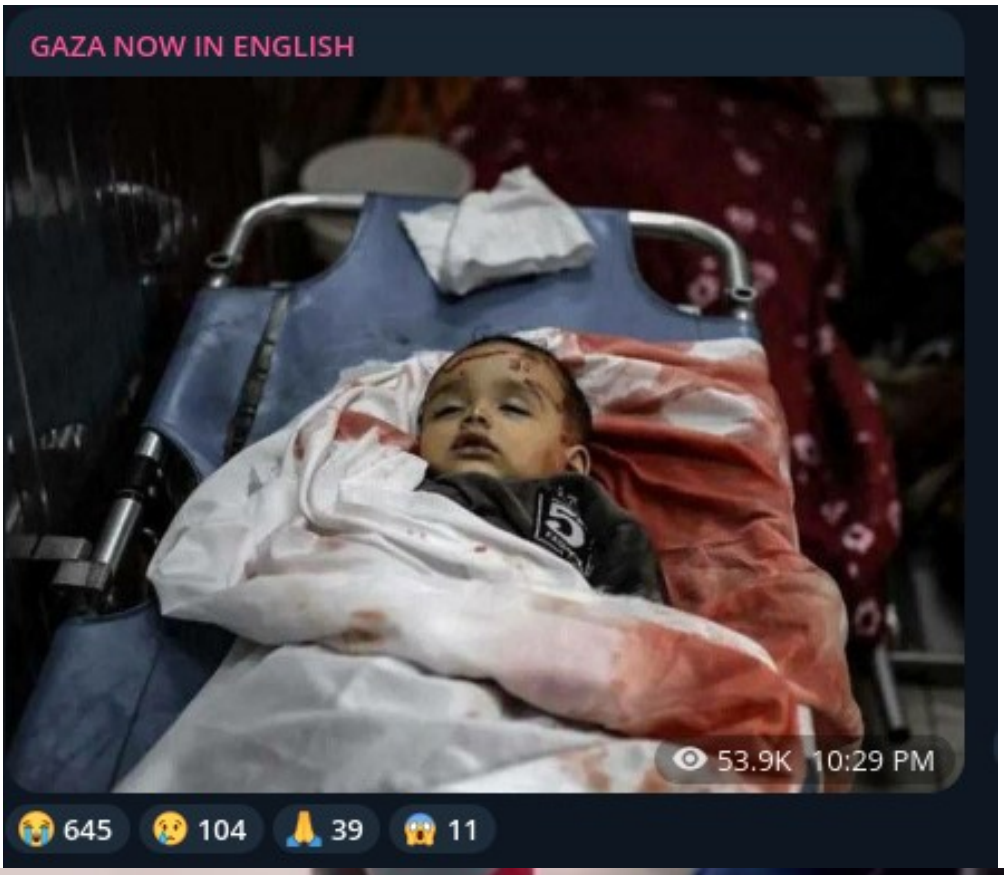
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Child martyrs a short while ago in the Nuseirat camp in the central Gaza Strip 🇵🇸

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10 martyrs, most of them children, a short while ago in Nuseirat in the central Gaza Strip. 🇵🇸

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Martyrs from the Darwish family home in Camp 2 in Nuseirat in the central Gaza Strip now 🇵🇸

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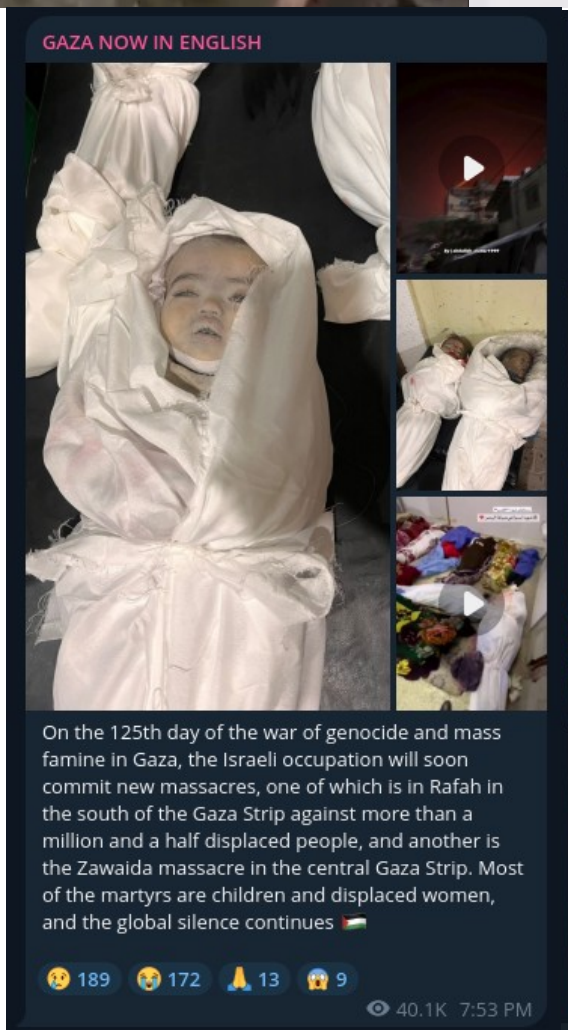
Before the eyes of the world, the Israeli occupation committed a crime in Rafah, south of the Gaza Strip, resulting in more than 300 martyrs and the injury of most of them children and displaced women on the Egyptian border, which the occupation claimed were safe areas 🇵🇸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On the 125th day of the war of genocide and mass famine in Gaza, the Israeli occupation will soon commit new massacres, one of which is in Rafah in the south of the Gaza Strip against more than a million and a half displaced people, and another is the Zawaida massacre in the central Gaza Strip. Most of the martyrs are children and displaced women, and the global silence continues
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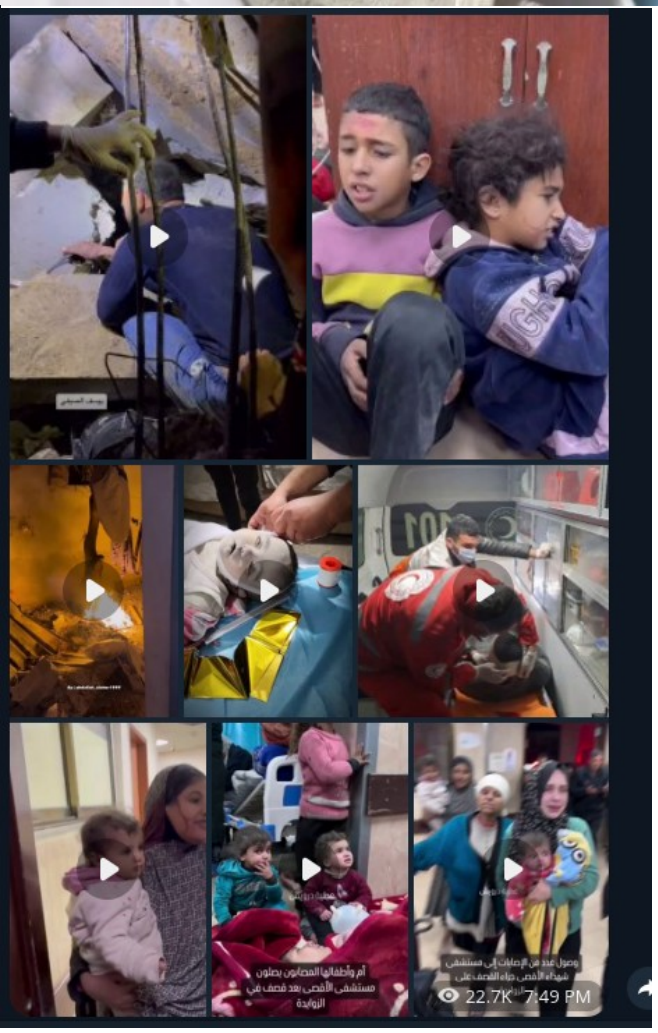
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UNRWA agency: Rainy weather exacerbates the suffering of hundreds of thousands of displaced individuals in the Gaza Strip; many of them sleep on wet ground. 🇵🇸

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The first picture shows two children waiting for "bread" in Gaza, but Israeli occupation soldiers killed them with live ammunition. In the second picture, a Palestinian child died of hunger. 🇵🇸

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The first picture of a girl not yet 10 years old after surviving the bombardment of the occupation and being rescued from the rubble of her home. The second picture of the same girl a month after her rescue from the ongoing Zionist aggression on Gaza.

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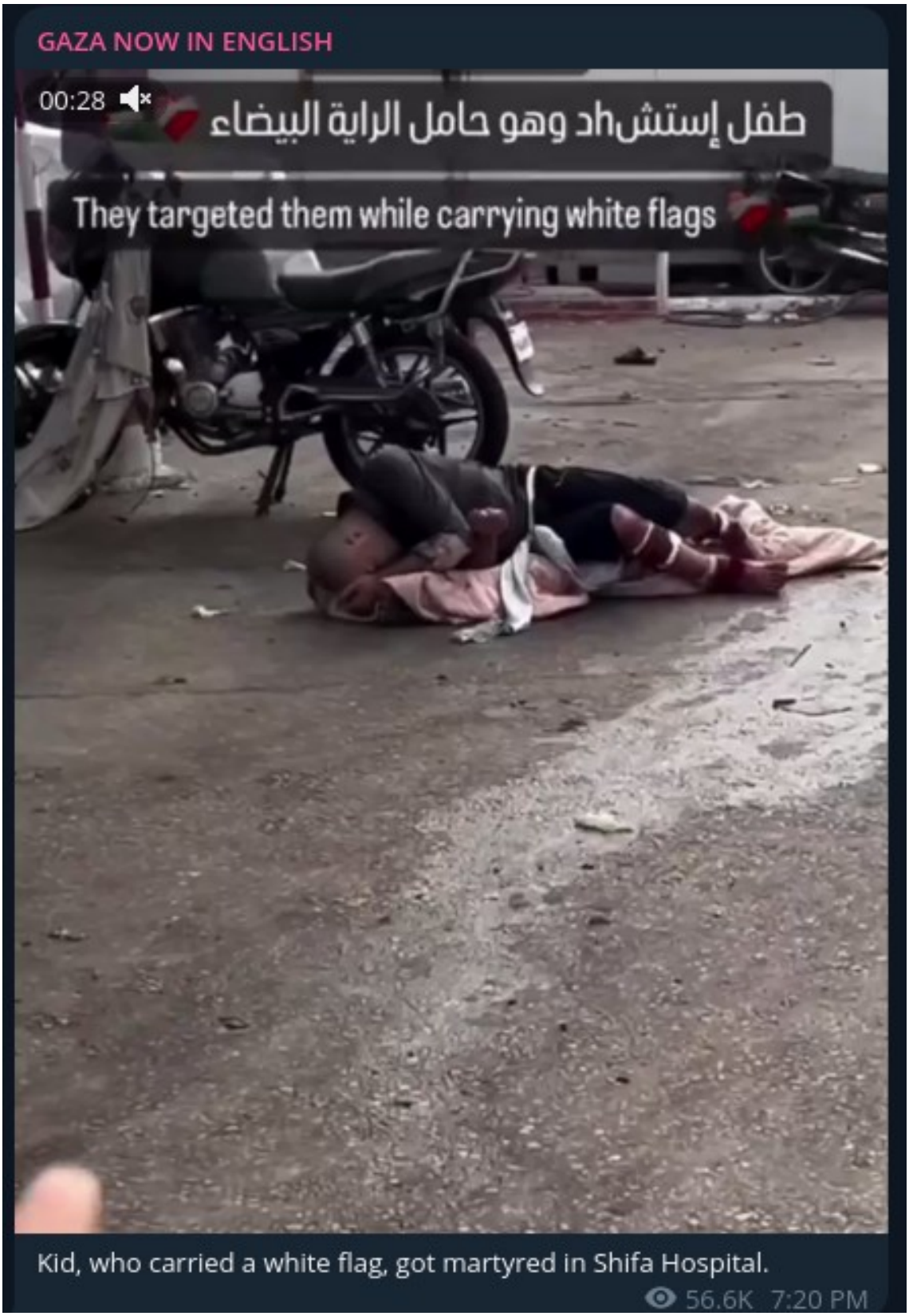
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Kid, who carried a white flag, got martyred in Shifa Hospital.
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Eye on Palestine

A little girl cries whilst getting treated for her wounds sustained by an Israeli air strike in Deir Al Balah, central Gaza.

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The arrival of a child who was martyred after the Israeli occupation aircraft targeted a house in the Nuseirat camp in the central Gaza Strip a short while ago 🇵🇸

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A new massacre in Jabalia camp as warplanes targeted an entire residential block. Reports indicate the killing and injury of hundreds of citizens, with others buried under the rubble.

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Ahmad Shabat, lost his legs and family.
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Colleague Muhammad Al-Aloul, Anadolu Agency photographer in Gaza, bids farewell to members of his family 🇵🇸 🇹🇷

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80.8K 8:42 AM

GAZA NOW IN ENGLISH
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Gaza Now
استشهدت طفلة برفقة والدتها التي كانت بين ذراعيها، بعد أن قصف الاحتلال منزلهم في غزة.
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GAZA NOW IN ENGLISH

The goal bank that the Israeli occupation focuses on in the Gaza Strip, children and women martyrs in Al-Maghazi camp in the central Gaza Strip a short while ago 🇵🇸

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87.7K 8:40 PM

GAZA NOW IN ENGLISH

"They went to sleep," but they did not know that they had gone to heaven. May God have mercy on the children of Al-Maghazi camp in the central Gaza Strip, who were martyred a short while ago after the Israeli occupation planes bombed the house on the heads of its residents 🇵🇸

82.4K 8:29 PM

Eye on Palestine
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اسامة الكحلوت
بنتي ماتت بين ايديا
A mother reacts over losing her daughter by an Israeli bombardment in Gaza.
ان فقدت ابنتها في قصف على غزة
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HAMAS-ISRAEL WAR

An Israeli soldier filmed footage showing the brutal treatment of Palestinians kidnapped from Gaza, blindfolded and handcuffed.

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HAMAS-ISRAEL WAR
Forwarded from White Minaret

"O daughter, O soul of my heart..."

A mother from Gaza hugs her son, who was killed in the attacks of the occupying Israel, for the last time.

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Jackson Hinkle
@jacksonhinklle · Feb 29
ISRAELI soldiers record themselves destroying a children's toy store in Gaza.
0:12 / 0:45
From X Tyrant
2.4K
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HAMAS-ISRAEL WAR

🔴 SENSITIVE!

Massacre and genocide continue uninterruptedly in Gaza.

New footage has emerged of the occupying Israeli forces targeting a school where civilians took shelter and massacred!

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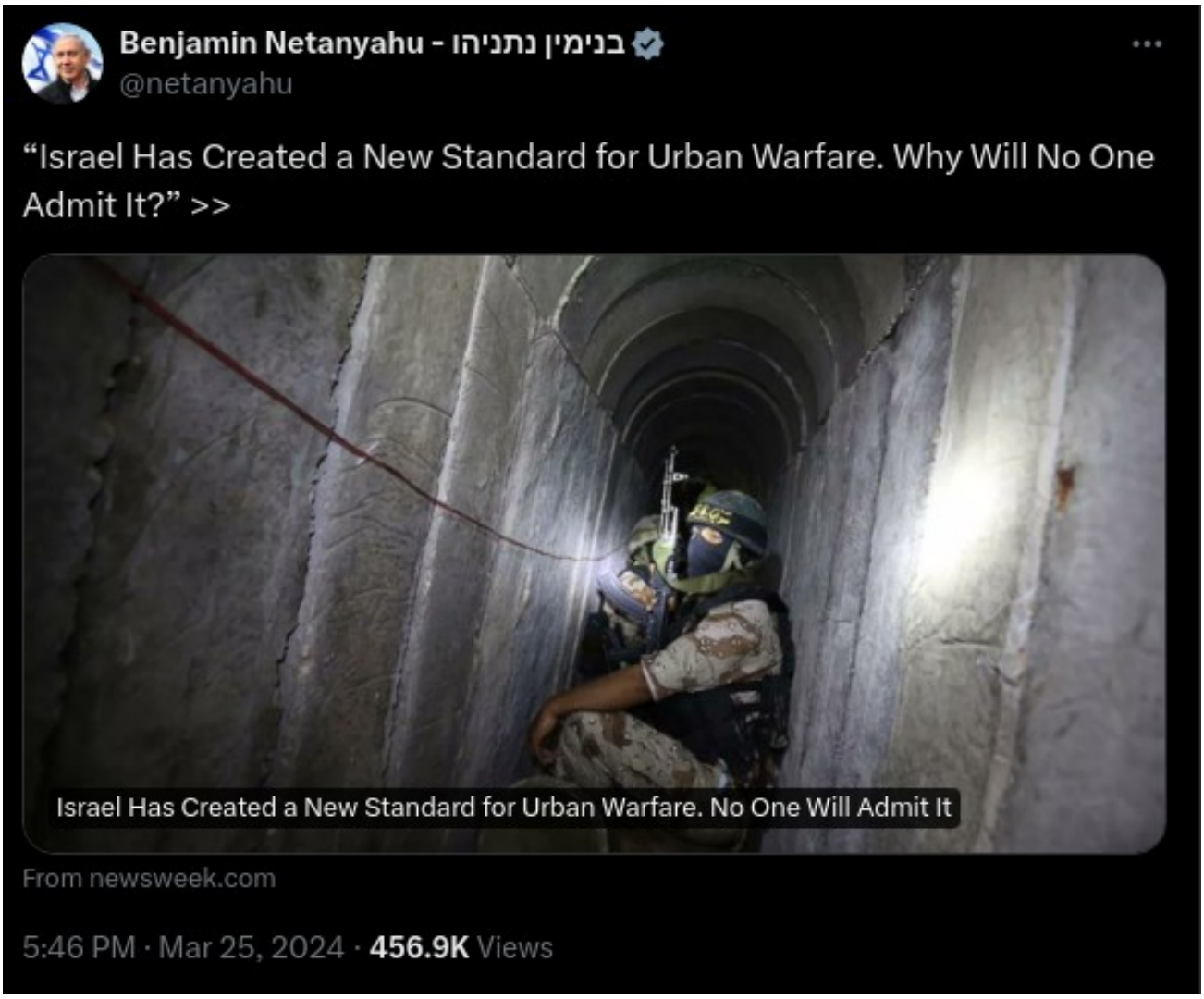


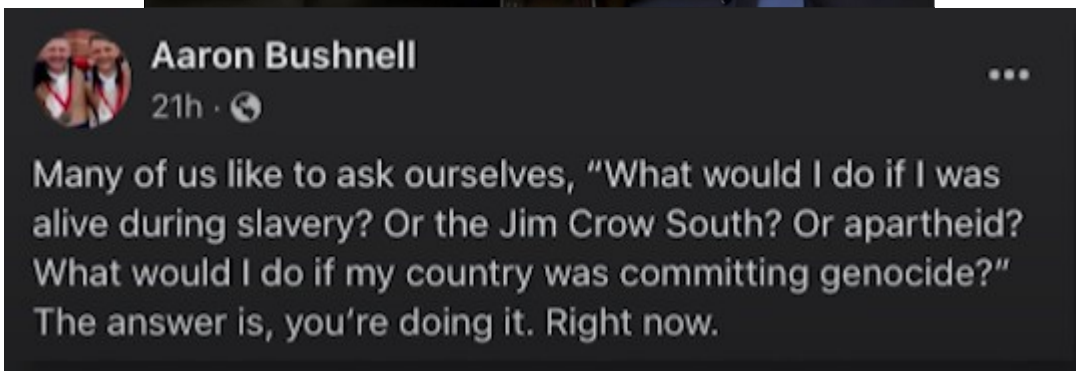
https://x.com/netanyahu/status/1772379641736573147?s=20

“We are you, and you are us. We're together. So if there's one thing that stands out clearly in the Middle East today, it's that Israel and America stand together.”

-Benjamin Netanyahu to President Obama in the Oval Office

https://www.gov.il/en/departments/news/eventobama050312

“Genocide” Joe Biden

“Let me be crystal clear, the United States stands with Israel”

-President Joseph R. Biden